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PREFACE

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Dear Friend:

Please accept this small booklet on the Welles or Wells family with my compliments.

I have certainly enjoyed preparing it, and I hope that you will enjoy reading the information I have secured. No doubt there are some errors. It is hard to copy names and dates without making mistakes. I have taken reasonable care to have the information correct. If you find any errors please advise me as I hope to incorporate this booklet, at a distant date, in a much larger edition.

You will please pardon me for including so much personal data about my near relatives. The whole purpose of this booklet when I started out was to give my near relatives some information about their ancestors. In looking up this information, one thing led to another until I have a mass of data that will take a great deal of time to arrange and index. Therefore, I have decided to send out at this time just what I have that is in reasonable shape.

I have so little personal information about many of the families that I am not able to tell you much about their lives, and what they have done. Later, I hope to learn more about them, as I know that just names and dates make rather dry reading.

I will print enough copies so that if you need more I will be only too glad to send them to you with my compliments.

Just write me.

Additional Copies of this Book may be had after Jan 1, 1955 for $3.50 postage included. Your own line of descent will be added in the proper place in this Book.

Sincerely,

Chester A. Wells

THE WELLS FAMILY

It has been with a great deal of pleasure that I have anticipated starting this short history of this branch of the Wells family. I do not believe I would have become very interested if it had not been for Mrs. Lila Sampson of Johnstown, New York. In 1930 Mrs. Sampson wrote me at Norwich, N. Y., asking me if I would kindly see if I could locate a certain member of the Wells family who had located in Linklaen, N. Y., about 1800. To this family was born the first white child born in that township.

I became quite interested in this history and since then I have accumulated considerable information in regard to the family. One of the things that has impressed me most are the errors that have crept into the histories that have previously been written.

One of the most glaring of these is the belief that Samuel Welles, born 1753 and died 1816, was a son of John Welles. This I have found was not true -- he was a son of Joseph Welles. This becomes very evident when one examines the will of John Welles and the will of Joseph Welles. You have only to visit the old cemetery at Wethersfield, Connecticut, at the rear of the Congregational Church, and there you will find six tombstones in a row. Reading the stones from left to right you find the following:

1. Samuel Welles, Born 1753, Died 1815.
2. Anner, his wife, Born 1762, Died 1828.
3. Joseph Welles, Born 1746, Died 1792.
4. Jerusha, his wife, Born 4/11/1744, Died 6/18/1803.
5. Joseph Welles, Born 1720, Died 1788.
6. Mary, his wife, Born 1721, Died 1797.

Samuel and the first Joseph listed above were brothers, and the Joseph buried on the right was their father.

Before going any farther with this history, I want to express my thanks to Mrs. Lila Sampson. Without her original help I probably would not have started my research. I also wish to express my thanks to the ladies in the State Library at Hartford, who so kindly assisted me. The same could be said of every library and court house

that I have visited; here in Rome at Jarvis Library they have been very kind. I have also to thank a great many individuals who have furnished me with names and dates. Without their help it would not have been possible to accomplish the little that I have.

Recently Mrs. Wells and I made a special trip to Wethersfield to see at first hand many of the homes in which the first members of our family were born, and in a good many cases were married and later died. It was very interesting, and later on in this history I hope to add something more regarding their homes, and also something about the Congregational Church in Wethersfield in which so many of the families worshipped.

When Mrs. Wells and I were at the Welles Family Reunion this past summer (1953) we were very fortunate to meet so many people who were interested in the history of the Welles Family.

After the monument was dedicated to the memory of Governor Thomas Welles we were invited to the home of Mr. Jared Butler Standish, one of the historians of the Association. We were received very graciously, and I found that Mr. Standish has much information, which I do not believe has been published, especially about Governor Welles and his ancestors. In the short time that I talked with Mr. Standish, I realized that he has given much time and effort to this study.

Mrs. Lila Sampson has been dead about ten years, and three copies of her manuscripts have been made. They are most valuable. It was at Mr. Standish's home that I saw the first copy of Mrs. Sampson's work. I do hope that Mr. Standish will make the results of his personal study available to the general public.

On August 6, 1953, Mr. and Mrs. John Willard of Wethersfield, Connecticut showed up here and spent a short time with us. We were delighted. I found that they have both been giving freely of their time to the Welles History. Mr. Willard also had a copy of Mrs. Sampson's work with him. I was able to look at this manuscript a little more carefully. It is amazing, the amount of information included. Mrs. Sampson devoted years of her life to this study.

Mr. Willard has started to index this work, and that surely will be a very difficult task. We should all

applaud him.

You will notice that a good many families are numbered which do not appear in this book. I do not have enough information at present. All the families listed are descendants of John Welles, eldest son of Governor Thomas Welles. I hope to complete some additional families in the near future.

On the 19th of April, 1953, I visited Dr. Ira G. Wells of Holland Patent, N. Y. He told me that at one time there were seven families of Wells living along the road that runs from Holland Patent to Floyd. He recalled three of these families: The first one below Holland Patent was Seth Wells, who lived with his ~~son~~, Robert, where Dave Thomas now lives. The second one was across the road where Elisha, Seth's ~~brother~~ lived; Hugh Davis lived there since. The next place west was where Elisha Wells' son, Ira, lived. Since then I have found out who the others were -- Justus and Christopher Wells, Jr., lived on the south side of the road, opposite the Rowland Rowlands place. Christopher Wells, Sr., lived on the Rowland Rowlands place (where his son-in-law, Boise Disque, now lives). This was the next house west of Ira Wells. Seth, Elisha, and Christopher, Sr., were brothers. They were uncles of Samuel Wells, father of Chester A. Wells, the 1st.

Dr. Ira Wells also told me that the Wells families of that day planted the maple trees that are now standing in rows along each side of the road, but does not know why they planted two rows along the south side and only one row along the north side.

As I studied the old deeds and wills in the Oneida County Court House, I was greatly impressed by the great number of families that came from Wethersfield, Connecticut, in the early part of the 19th Century. Besides the Wells families there were the Willards, Wolcotts, Wards, Griswolds and Huributs, besides a great number of others -- No wonder they called the area "Wethersfield".

A long book could be written about these early settlers in the Town of Trenton. I am trying to keep the history of the Welles, or Wells, family true to what is actually known or has been proved. I will add very little that is based on fable or fancy. The first family that I list will be the family of Robert Welles, who was taxed

in Whichford Parish, County Warwick, England, in 1523. This was proved in London, England, by Colonel Charles E. Banks in 1926 by wills, deeds and depositions, and published in the New England Genealogical Register in 1926.

Many of the historians trace the family back another 600 years... I am not including in this history any of their story as I do not believe any of it has been proved. I am starting with the 1523 date and bringing this history down to the present time, giving only the data that I think would be interesting to the descendants of Chester A. Wells, my Grandfather. In a few cases I will add a little about some of the other members of the Wells family, especially those that I have known more about.

Numbers in parenthesis before family names indicate generation to which they belong.

Now, to make a list down to Chester A. Wells without adding any additional notes until later, when I will make a more detailed account of each family: (This records the direct descent - father to son)

1. Robert Welles, taxed in Whichford Parish, County Warwick in 1523.
2. Thomas Welles - Died August 15, 1558 in Whichford.
3. Robert Welles - Born November 6, 1540, Buried in Whichford in 1619.
4. Thomas Welles - Born in England in 1592. (Governor Welles)
5. John Welles - Born in 1621 ~~in Stratford, Conn~~
6. Robert Welles - Born in 1651 in Stratford, Conn.
7. Joseph Welles - Born in 1680 in Wethersfield, Conn.
8. Joseph Welles - Born in 1720 in Wethersfield, Conn.
9. Samuel Welles - Born in 1753 in Wethersfield, Conn.
10. Samuel Wells - Born in 1789 in Wethersfield, Conn.
11. Chester Asel Wells - Born in 1825 in Trenton, N. Y.

I will not at this point carry down the direct descent any further, but will try to tell you more about each of the above families.

FAMILY I

(1) We do not have much of any history regarding the original Robert Welles except that he was listed as being taxed in Whichford, England, in 1523.

CHILDREN 1-1 THOMAS Welles
1-2 WALTER "
1-3 William "

FAMILY II

(2) About Thomas Welles, son of the above Robert, we have the following information. He married Elizabeth, last name unknown, ~~who was born in 1532~~, and second he married Elizabeth Bryan. SHe died in ~~Whichford~~ August 30, 1558. Children by 1st wife,

Having ?
STOURTON

2-1 ANN Welles UNDER 21 Oct 8, 155-
2-2 Robert " " " " "

FAMILY III

(3) Robert Welles, son of the above Thomas, ~~born~~ Bp November 6, 1540, married Alice Hunt. He died in 1619. He was a wealthy ship owner and a Puritan. He was buried in Whichford, England. In addition to Governor Thomas, we find three additional children:

1. Robert, Jr. died in 1629, married in England.
2. Mary, born in 1616, died in 1659.
3. John.

FAMILY IV

(4) Governor Thomas Welles, son of above Robert, born at Essex, England, came to Boston about 1636, then to Saybrook, Conn., thence to Hartford, Conn., in 1637 or earlier, thence in 1643 to Wethersfield, Conn. He had a good proportion of the patents for Swampscott and Dover, which he sold in August, 1648, to Chris. Lawson. There is a very precise tradition of his coming with Higginson in the fleet in 1629 to Salem, Mass. His name first appears in Connecticut Colonial Records as a member of that Court of Magistrates, held at Hartford March 28, 1636-37, which declared war against the Pequots. He was a magistrate from that time until his death. He was a member of the Court which issued the Fundamental Orders, or Constitution of 1639, which is in his handwriting. He was an original proprietor at Hartford, where his house and lot was on the east side of the street, now known as Governor Street. He was appointed Treasurer of the Colony April 11, 1639, held the office two years, and was reappointed May 17, 1649, and held it three years. From 1640 to 1649 he was

Secretary of the Colony, Deputy Governor 1654-56-57-59. Acting Governor in 1654 during Governor Hopkins and also Governor Winthrop's absence in England, and Governor in 1655-58. He was frequently associated on important committees and in public affairs with Haynes, Ludlow, Mason, and the other foremost men of the Colony; rendered conspicuous service also as Commissioner in 1649-1659, of the United Colonies (Plymouth, Mass., and New Haven, Conn.) in affecting the Union of the Connecticut and New Haven Colonies in 1643 for material protection and benefit. At the last meeting of this body at Hartford in 1659, Mr. Welles was requested "For the encouragement of the Indians at Wethersfield, that attend Mr. Purson and refrain from Pawauging (pow-wow-ing) and from labor on the Lord's Day."

In every detail of his public service he was distinguished for his uniform attention to his duties and the public interest.

On the Hartford Town Records his name early appears, in 1639-40, among the inhabitants who had rights in the undivided lands. He was frequently on Town Committees for the division of lands and determining the proportion and bounds of same; the settlements of boundary differences, and the division among the Hartford people of the land east of the Great River. About 1643-45, he went to Wethersfield and bought John Plum's 18 acre homestead. Later he bought Swayse Homestead, which he gave to his grandson, Captain Robert Welles. He also bought in 1655 from Robert Foote, the James Boosey Homestead; but he resided on the Plum Homestead. Mr. Thomas Welles, the Deputy Governor, died January 14, 1659 or 60. His death was very sudden "being very well at supper and dead before midnight". He was buried at Wethersfield, but his remains were afterward removed to Hartford. His will was dated November 7, 1659. He left an estate of 1069 pounds including English and Latin books.

He was born in 1592.

Governor Welles married (1) in England, ~~Elizabeth~~ Alice Gunn Tomes, (2) Elizabeth Deming November 9, 1646, widow of Nathaniel Foote, Sr., also a first settler of Wethersfield and a sister of John Deming, another first settler. She died July 28, 1683, age about 88 years. She had seven children by her first

husband (~~to whom~~ she willed all her property) TO HER CHILDREN.

Children of Thomas, all by first marriage:

(5) 1. Anne - Born about 1619, married- (1) April 1646 to Thomas Thompson, (2) in 1655 to Anthony Hawkins. They had 6 children. FAM. 108D

(5) 2. John - Born about 1621, died ~~1680~~ 1659. Married Elizabeth Bourne. She died August 7, 1659. FAM. 5

(5) 3. Robert - Born 1624.

(5) 4. Thomas - Born in 1627. Married 6/23/1654 Hannah Tuttle Pantry, widow of John Pantry. They were married June 23, 1654. He died in 1668. He was killed by a fall from a cherry tree. It is said that his grave was seven foot long. He was a patentee. Hid wife died August 9, 1683. Their children were - Rebecca, Thomas, Sarah, Icabod, Samuel, Jonathan and Joseph. FAM. 300

(5) 5. Samuel (Honarable) was born about 1630, and died July 15, 1675. He married (1) Elizabeth Hollister, (2) he married Hannah Lamberson. Children all by the first wife - Samuel, Thomas, Sarah, Mary, Ann and Elizabeth. FAM. 356

(5) 6. Sarah born in 1631/32, died December 11, 1698. Married February 1653, Captain John Chester of Wethersfield. FAM. 108E

(5) 7. Mary born in 1634 died before her father. Her children were mentioned in her father's will. FAM 108C

(5) 8. Joseph - Born in 1637. HARTFORD.

6 - Sarah Welles, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Tuttle Pantry Welles married John Bidwell, Jr. Her daughter (7) Sarah Bidwell born in 1681 died

in 1744. Married (1) Captain Josiah Robbins, (2) she married Captain Thomas Welles. (See Family ~~96~~.41

Thus it will be seen that Governor Thomas Welles was the ancestor of three distinct lines of the Welles' family:

(1) By his eldest son John of the Stratford and Wethersfield families.
(2) By his second son Thomas of the Hartford family.
(3) By his third son Samuel of the Glastonbury family.

FAMILY V

(5) John Welles son of Governor Thomas and ~~Elizabeth~~ Alice Tomes was born about 1621 and died August 7,1659. He married in Stratford in 1647, Elizabeth Bourne. After his death, Elizabeth married in March 1663 John Wilcoxson. Mr. Welles was admitted a free man at the General Court of Elections from 1645 to 1658. His work was to prove wills, take inventories and distribute properties of persons dying intestate. He was also a magistrate in the General Court in 1658 and 1659. He died at Stratford. Children:

(6) 1. John - Born in 1648, married Mary Hollister of Wethersfield. (See Family ~~40~~.110

(6) 2. Thomas (Deacon) - Born in 1651, died in November 1704. (See Family ~~52~~).108A

(6) 3. Robert (Twin to Thomas) Family 6.

(6) 4. Temperance born in 1654, married in 1681 Jonathan Pitman of Stratford. FAM 108

(6) 5. Samuel (Sgt) Born in 1656, died in 1729. Family ~~62~~. 108B and 221

this is John Welles of Hatfield Wrong Welles family

(6) 6. Sarah born September 28, 1659. Married first Benjamin Beach, second - married Ambrose Thompson. FAM-109

(6) 7. Mary - Born August 29, 1661. After her father died She m. Joseph Booth Son of Richard Booth. She died soon after her m. and he m. her half sister Hannah Wilcoxson

FAMILY VI

(6) Captain Robert Welles (Grandson of Governor Thomas Welles) - Born 1658. He was educated in Wethersfield. Had a quarrel with his step-grandmother and in 1676, the year after his marriage, was ordered by the court that, whereas he "hath damnyfied her barne, by parting with the other part of the barne that did adjoyne to it, "he should repair it and "make up the annuity of 12 pounds per annum" which by his grandfather's will, he was to pay her. The ill feeling thus excited did not soon heal over, for when she died she left not the value of a farthing to a Welles, and went outside the family for executors and overseers of her will.

There appears to have been no intermarriages between Deming and Welles families for a long time thereafter. Robert Welles' residence in Wethersfield was one of six houses ordered to be fortified, in consequence of the threatened Indian hostilities.

Robert married (1) June 9, 1675, Elizabeth Goodrich, born in 1650 and died in 1698, (2) October 19, 1698 - Mary Stoddard.

He died in Wethersfield June 22, 1714; inventory of his estate amounted to 3,667 pounds. He must have made a brave appearance, for his inventory mentions "a broad-cloth coat, 3 pounds; a russet waistcoat with plated buttons and chains on sleeves, 47 shillings; and another similarly adorned; 1 pair plush breeches, 8 shillings, etc."

Children (all by the first marriage):

(7) 1. Thomas (Capt.) - Born 1676. (See Family ~~96~~. 41

(7) 2. John - Born June 16, 1678, died young. FAM 41A

(7) 3. Joseph - Born 1680. (See Family 7).

(7) 4. Prudence - Born 1682, died in 1714. Married October 20, 1700 Rev. Anthony Stoddard. (See Family ~~95~~). 40

(7) 5. Robert (Capt.) - Born 1684. (See Family ~~53~~). 102

(7) 6. Gideon (Capt.) - Born 1686. (See Family ~~54~~.275

FAMILY VII

(7) Joseph Welles, son of Captain Robert Welles, was born in 1680, settled at Wethersfield, married January 6, 1708 to Hannah Robbins of Wethersfield. He died in 1744 and left an estate of 1399 pounds. His will is on file in the Hartford Surrogate's Court, State Library Building. He was listed in 1712. He was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Bourne Welles.

Children of Joseph Welles and Hannah Robbins Welles:

(8) 1. John - Born November 13, 1710.

(8) 2. Prudence - Born February 12, 1712-13. (See Family ~~97~~).43

(8) 3. Esther - Born May 20, 1716. (See Family ~~98~~).43

(8) 4. Hannah - Born August 5, 1718. (See Family ~~99~~).44

(8) 5. Joseph - Born September 17, 1720, died April 1, 1788. (See Family 8).

(8) 6. Eunice - Born March 25, 1723. (See Family ~~100~~) 45

(8) 7. Joshua - Born September 1726. (See Family ~~26~~).88

(8) 8. James - Born 1728 and died in 1776.

(8) 9. Christopher - Born December 14, 1729, died young.

FAMILY VIII

(8) Joseph Welles, son of Joseph and Hannah Robbins Welles, was born 1720 and married Mary Robbins in March 1745. He died April 1, 1788. His wife was born in 1721 and died in November 8, 1797. He was a member of the Congregational Church. Mary Robbins was a daughter of Samuel and Lucy (Wolcott) Robbins and a sister to Samuel Robbins who married

(8) Esther Welles. (See Family ~~98~~).43

His son, Joseph, married Jerusha Hulburt (daughter of Charles and Martha) in 1780. Jerusha was born the 18th day of April, 1744 and died June 18, 1805. He left an estate of 857 pounds; his will is on file in the Hartford's Surrogate Court, State Library Building.

Children of Joseph and Mary Robbins Welles:

(9) 1. Joseph - Born April 14, 1746, died August 13, 1809. (See Family ~~85~~).48

(9) 2. Sarah - Born September 13, 1747, died. (See Family ~~86~~).46

(9) 3. Seth - Born 1749, died 1828, married:
(1) Judith Robbins
(2) Lydia Benton
(See Family 21).

(9) 4. Elijah - Born 1751, died 1796; married Sarah Balch. (See Family 24).

(9) 5. Samuel - Born 1753. (See Family 9). Ancestor of Chester A. Wells.

(9) 6. Mary - Born February 4, 1756. Married her cousin, Elisha Wolcott. (See Family 102).

(9) 7. Elisha - Born 1758. (See Family 15). Ancestor of Dr. Ira Wells.

(9) 8. Christopher - Born 1760. (See Family 19).

FAMILY IX

(9) The family of Samuel Welles, son of Joseph and Mary Robbins Welles: Samuel Welles was born December 10, 1753, in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and died there on the 10th of February, 1815. His will is also on file in the Surrogate's Court at Hartford. He is buried in the Congregational Church Cemetery at Wethersfield, Conn. He was a farmer. He was a member of "The Light Horse Guard" in the Revolutionary War, and devoted seven years of his life to that cause. He enlisted February 27, 1776, in the Fourth Troop of Colonel Elisha Sheldon's Light Dragoons, and was mustered out in 1783. He is listed as being 5'-6" tall with light

complexion, and grey eyes. This troop served mostly on the east side of the Hudson River along the Westchester Front. It is said that one winter was spent in the eastern part of Connecticut due to the lack of fodder. He was a member of the Congregational Church in Wethersfield.

On the 19th of April 1787, he married Anner Griswold. She was born in 1762 and died 1828. She is buried in Wethersfield beside her husband. The Griswold family derived their descent from Humphrey Griswold of "Great Lord of the Manor" and are mentioned as an honorable family in English History as early as the 16th Century. Anner (note that the name is not Anna) Griswold was a daughter of Ozias Griswold and Anner Stanley. Anner died July 26, 1825, aged 83. Inscription on her monument reads "The Memory of the Just is Blessed". Ozias died December 1, 1815, aged 80 years. Inscription on his monument reads "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord". Stanley was of the Stanley Quarter in New Britian, Connecticut. Ozias Griswold was a great-grandson of Michael Griswold who came to Wethersfield early, and was the son of Major Josiah Griswold and Mabel Belden.

Their children were:

(10) 1. Anner (Family 9A).

(10) 2. Samuel (Family 10).

(10) 3. Ashbel (Family 11).

(10) 4. Polly (Mary) (Griswold family 9B).

(10) 5. Sarah, born June 14, 1795. Married Elisha Hoag on March 4, 1829. Was in Rome, New York in 1833.

(10) 6. Abigail, born August 25, 1797. Married Chauncy Appleton Wolcott. She died October 13, 1832. One daughter Celia was born October 22, 1830.

(10) 7. Laura (Family 9C).

(10) 8. Mabel (Family 9D).

(10) 9. Nancy, born November 11, 1804. She married Wesley Kinney of Otselic, N. Y. He was a son of Abijah Kinney. I found in the County Clerk's office at Norwich, N. Y. that Wesley and Alonzo Kinney sold their interest in their father's estate to Tudor Kinney for thirty dollars in 1836. Nancy was married at Niagara Falls in 1847 and they moved to Milwaukee, Wisc. They were the parents of two children, Rollin and Alice. Nancy was still alive in 1875.

Samuel Welles left an estate of $4411.00. Two hundred dollars ($200.00) was left to each daughter and the balance was to be divided between the two sons. I examined the will at Hartford in April, 1953.

FAMILY IX-A

(10) Anner Wells, eldest daughter of Samuel and Anner (Griswold) Wells was born September 16, 1787, and died March 17, 1820. She married Rossiter Willard February 6, 1811. He was born October 28, 1785 and died October 1, 1819. He was a son of Simon and Sarah Robbins Willard of Wethersfield, Conn. They moved to Trenton, N.Y., settling on a farm on the north side of the Holland Patent - Trenton Road, the second place west of the stone school house. At the time of the death of Charles Hall Willard in 1903, this place was bought by Welcome Jones for $3800.00. Anner and Rossiter's children were:

(11) 1. Charles Ashbel Willard, born September 1, 1816, and died May 23, 1900. He married Abbie Hall of Stittville, N. Y. One son -

(12) 1. Charles Hall Willard, born March 25, 1848 and died in 1903. He married Anna M. -----. She survived, and no children are listed. He moved to Hebron, Nebraska where he died.

(11) 2. Emeline Willard, born November 7, 1814.

(11) 3. Anner Willard, born September 11, 1818. I found her name listed among the members of the Presbyterian Church in their list prepared in 1843. She later married a Mr. Williams.

(11) 4. Rossiter Willard, born December 22, 1819.

Anner and her husband Rossiter are buried in the Holland Patent Cemetery. When the estate of Charles Hall Willard was settled, my grandfather Wells appeared at the court and said that he had not heard from the children in thirty (30) years and that he believed they moved to Wisconsin.

FAMILY IX-B

(10) Polly (Mary) Griswold Wells, daughter of Samuel and Anner Griswold Wells was born February 14, 1797. She married Joshua Storrs and moved to the town of Trenton, settling on the second farm east of the Wells Homestead farm. Mr. Storrs bought 239 acres from Adam Mappa in 1803 for $2800.00. This property remained in the family until about 1850 when the heirs began to dispose of it. Hezekiah MacIntosh bought some of the farm and the house in 1857. He was the father of Harriet McIntosh who was the second wife of Chester A. Wells. Harriet was married at this home. This property went through so much litigation that it has been hard to trace the exact transfers or the members of the family.

The surrogate's court records do not show any record of the wills of either Joshua or his wife, Polly. The county clerk's office does not show any direct transfer of the property to the heirs. I do know that both are buried in the Olden Barneveld Cemetery. He died May 12, 1842 and she died December 8, 1858. Albert Welles says in his book "History of the Welles Family", published in 1876 that they had a daughter, so I have pieced the records together, but I am far from satisfied that they are correct.

Children:

(11) 1. Prentice Storrs, born September 15, 1821, died December 10, 1899. Married Mary ----- born December 31, 1807, died May 3, 1881.

(11) 2. Sophia Storrs, born at Trenton on October 29, 1824. Married on October 26, 1862 to Z. C. Willis, son of R. B. Willis of Eau Clair, Wisconsin, where they at once moved.

Children:

(12) 1. Eugene Willis, born October 25, 1863.

(12) 2. Frederick Willis, born October 20, 1865.

(11) 3. William H. Storrs, died August 28, 1886, born in 1817, married Laura B. born in 1826, died 1882.

Children:

(12) 1. Laura Storrs, born in 1855, died June 10, 1886.

(12) 2. Sarah Ida Storrs, born 1860, died in 1916, married Michael Moore. Had one daughter:

(13) 1. Blanche Storrs Moore, born in 1894, died 1907.

(12) 3. Julia E. Storrs, died in 1928 in Utica, N. Y.

(12) 4. William Gardner Storrs lived in Syracuse, N. Y.

(13) 1. Son - Gardner S. Storrs lived at 907 Continental Bldg., Baltimore, Md. in 1928.

(11) 4. Ephriam Storrs married Cloe F. At the time of her husband's death she listed the following children, all under 21 years.

(12) 1. Mary H. Storrs.
(12) 2. Sarah M. Storrs.

(12) 3. Caroline F. Storrs.
(12) 4. Ephriam H. Storrs.
(12) 5. Helen M. Storrs.
(12) 6. Emily I. Storrs.
(12) 7. Chole B. Storrs. She died December 31, 1883. She married George French of Trenton. Children:

(13) 1. Maud French, born August 27, 1873, married William Thomas on July 3, 1915. He died November 13, 1933.

(13) 2. William H. French, born January 16, 1879, married Mary Golden in 1904. He died April 10, 1953.

(13) 3. Sherwood French, born September 14, 1862, died November 30, 1914 - never married.

In addition to the above, I have the following Storrs names, but as yet I am unable to classify them, but I know that they belong to the same family. Calvin Storrs married Mary. John H. Storrs married Catherine. These two are listed as living in Russia Herkimer Co. Sally Storrs who held a mortgage on the farm. George W. Storrs married Abbie M. He died December 19, 1893. His wife died January 17, 1871. They secured a deed to part of the Joshua Storrs property in 1867 from Dan and George Storrs, listed as descendants of Joshua Storrs. When George W. died, his only heir was listed as A. George Storrs of Red Oak, Iowa. The above Dan and George are listed as being from Leavenworth, Kansas. Catherine, wife of the above John Storrs, died in October 1877 and listed two sons - Alaxender and Merritt Storrs.

FAMILY IX-C

(10) Laura Wells, daughter of Samuel and Anner Griswold Wells was born March 8, 1800 and died in 1860. She married Moses Morris. He was a carpenter. He was a member of the Congregational Church at Wethersfield, and a whig in politics. While driving home from Hartford he fell from the wagon and died as a result of the fall.

Their children:

(11) 1. Samuel W. Morris, born Nov. 15, 1827, died Sept. 8, 1880.

(11) 2. Frank Morris. He was a merchant in Colombia, S. C.

(11) 3. John M. Morris.

(11) Samuel W. Morris married Jane Hastings Savage, born May 31, 1825, died April 30, 1894. Their children:

(12) 1. William S. Morris.
(12) 2. Charles H. Morris, died at age 19. He was born Sept. 9, 1859, died March 25, 1879.
(12) 3. Mary J. Morris, died at age 13. She was born Sept. 27, 1864, died October 28, 1876.
(12) 4. Laura L. Morris, died at age 17. She was born July 30, 1861, died October 13, 1878.
(12) 5. Harriet E. Morris, died at age 15. She was born October 19, 1862, died May 22, 1878.
(12) 6. John R. Morris, died when young. He was born July 27, 1867, died August 9, 1872.

(12) William S. Morris was born at Wethersfield July 19, 1858. He married Emma Churchill in 1886. Their children:

(13) 1. Frank Stephen born October 17, 1887. He married Chloe M. Clark September 11, 1912. He died December 26, 1922. One daughter:

(14) 1. Barbara Morris, born March 5, 1922. She married Arved W. Engel. Their children:

(15) 1. Karen Engel, born May 8, 1951.
(15) 2. Diane Engel, born March 11, 1953.

(13) 2. Mabel Churchill, born February 20, 1889, unmarried.

(13) 3. Nellie Jane, born March 27, 1892. Married Raymond E. Clark August 30, 1917. (Brother of Chloe M. Clark). Their children:

(14) 1. William Franklin Clark, born June 27, 1918, married Mary Wolfe in May, 1951. One daughter:

(15) 1. Maryann, born April 21, 1952.

(14) 2. Raymond Edgar Clark, born October 16, 1919, married Anita Yeager. One daughter:

(15) 1. Susan Ann Clark, born March 7, 1953.

Raymond and Anita live in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

(14) 3. Robert Morris Clark, born July 20, 1924. Died (World War II) in France August 9, 1944.

(13) 4. William Savage born February 21, 1893, died February 22, 1898.

(13) 5. Emma Amelia born December 12, 1894. Married Edward Langton October 8, 1927, no children.

(13) 6. Ethel May born February 9, 1897, unmarried.

(13) 7. Alice Ruth born November 13, 1899, unmarried.

(13) 8. John Everett born June 29, 1904, married Edith Orland of Elmhurst, L. I., October 29, 1927. Their children:

(14) 1. Frank Herbert born August 30, 1931.

(14) 2. William Churchill born
March 24, 1933.

All of the above live (October 1953) in Wethersfield, except as noted.

I did not intend to print the following two stories, and I thought that they were more or less Fairy Tales. Lately, I have found these stories repeated so there must be some truth in them. The first one I copy from Mrs. Lila Sampson's manuscript just as she relates it.

(9) "Samuel Welles was a farmer in Wethersfield, Conn. He was a member of the "Light Horse Guards" in the Revolutionary War. He trained horses (according to a descendant), and when General Washington found it necessary to send a message thru the enemy lines, (9) Samuel Welles was the only one who could ride the fleetest horse selected, after several had been thrown. Mr. Welles carried the message through the Hessian Lines with bullets flying all around him, delivered the message in time, and was given this black horse which he rode to his home in Wethersfield after his service ended. The first time his future wife Anner Griswold saw him he was mounted on this black horse".

The other tale is vouched for by Mrs. Bessie Wells and her sister.

It seems that (10) Ashbel Welles and his wife went to New York State to visit her parents, the Wards, in the Town of Trenton. They drove their horse and wagon and ferried across the Hudson River. On reaching their parent's home, the horse was turned out with the other horses.

The next day the horse was missing and on their return home to Wethersfield they found that the horse had come home, having crossed the Hudson River by himself. Grandfather Wells said that the trip could be made in four days. The days must have been long and the horse very tired when the trip was ended as the journey is over 200 miles.

FAMILY IX-D

(10) Mabel Wells, daughter of Samuel and Anner (Griswold) Wells, was born July 30, 1802 in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and died September 11, 1875. She married Edmund Alfred Holcomb on June 13, 1833. He was born in 1806 and died February 26, 1873. They moved to North Granby, Connecticut where their only child, a daughter, was born:

(11) Ann Eliza Holcomb was born December 3, 1837 and died in ~~New York City~~ ORLANDO FLA on November 10, 1927. She married George Wilkinson Edwards who was a doctor. He was born in 1837 and died in 1884. Their children:

(12) 1. Gaston Holcombe Edwards was born August 18, 1876, and died December 29, 1934. He married Adair Irwin Dunn May 21, 1908. She was born in Louisville, Kentucky. Their children:

(13) 1. George Wilkinson Edwards born May 8, 1910. He married Julia Brandt in Mt. Joy, Pa. August 1, 1942. He was born August 20, 1916. Mr. Edwards is a doctor in Orlando, Florida. Their children: (Born in Orlando, Fla.)

(14) 1. Gaston Holcombe Edwards born Oct. 30, 1946.

(14) 2. John Brandt Edwards born August 28, 1949.

(14) 3. Adair Erwin Dunn Edwards born Oct. 1, 1951.

(13) 2. Mary Adair Edwards born November 25, 1913. She married Edward William Phifer in Orlando, Fla. November 5, 1939. Born August 13, 1911. Mr. Phifer is a surgeon in Morganton, N. C. Their children:

(14) 1. Adair Edwards Phifer born December 7,1939.

(14) 2. Edward William Phifer born May, 1941.

(14) 3. Susan Ann Phifer born July 26, 1943.

(14) 4. Martha Avery Phifer born November 2, 1947.

(14) 5. Mary Wells Phifer born December 2, 1948.

(14) 6. Nancy Welcome Phifer born June 12, 1950.

(13) 3. Warren Hardin Edwards was born May 31, 1916. He married Jean Tilden. Mr. Edwards is a lawyer in Orlando, Florida. Their children:

(14) 1. Warren Hardin Edwards born January 21, 1950.

(12) 2. Stanley Wells Edwards born October 20, 1877, and died July 7, 1919. He married Helen Brace Bunce June 26, 1909. She was born November 14, 1878. Mrs.Edwards spends her summers in Granby and her winters in Hartford, Conn. Their children:

(13) 1. Jonathan Bunce Edwards born April 4, 1910. He served in World War II, and died June 11, 1944. He married Jane Palmer of Parma, Michigan July 27, 1936. She was born Sept. 18, 1912. Their children:

(14) 1. Anne Hawley Edwards born June 27, 1938.

(12) 2. Susan Buskirk Edwards born December 27, ~~1940.~~ 1939

(13) 2. Mary Wells Edwards born January 11, 1913, unmarried.

(12) 3. Mabel Griswold Edwards who died September 17, 1881, aged sixteen months.

FAMILY X

(10) Samuel Wells, son of Samuel and Anner Griswold Welles was born August 5, 1789. He is buried in the Holland Patent Cemetery. He was born at Wethersfield, Conn. at the old Welles home on Wolcott Hill. We do not know when he came to Trenton, N. Y. but suppose it was about 1813, as we know that he enlisted in the New York State Militia on the 14th of October 1814, and was mustered out on the 15th day of November 1814. He served at Sackets Harbor. We recently visited the Adj. General Headquarters in Albany, and they gave us the above information. They also furnished us with a copy of a letter he wrote them on the 11th day of January 1858. This letter was long and asks for $68.00 for the following items: d. 6/9/1868

One hat - $5.00
One ordinary coat - $8.50
One vest - $3.00
One kerchief - $.50
One pair pants - $5.00
One blanket - $3.00

Two pair stockings - $1.00
Two shirts - $2.00
One pair boots - $7.00
Wages - $11.00
Expenses traveling 80 miles and return to Sackets Harbor - $15.00

He says in this letter that he never received his pay as he was out of the State when the paymaster came around. He also says that he received a grant of 160 acres of land in Wisconsin, and that his son had made a trip out there. He stated that the above material was worn out and he wanted his pay.

Previously to this time, I found in the State Library at Albany a record that he had been paid $26.00, so probably the rest of the claim was not allowed - anyway, I didn't find any further record.

I found in the Oneida County Clerk's office that he bought the following land: 50 acres on the 3rd day of November, 1814 from Adam Mappa, agent of the Land Company on what was the "Service Patent". He paid $450.00 for this land. This was the place where he built a log cabin and where he lived after he was married and where his children were born. On the 18th day of April, 1833, he bought 27 acres from John G. Willard, son of Ephriam and Lucy Griswold, for $400.00. This land was just to the north and east of the original purchase.

On the 2nd day of March, 1839, he bought 24 acres from Daniel Willard, son of Ephriam & Lucy Griswold, and Horace Woodbridge who married Lucy F. Willard. This land joined the above. He paid $296.00. On the 10th of February, 1851 he bought 135 acres from John P. Thomas and paid $5108.00. This land was partly in the "Service Patent" and partly in the "Holland Patent". This is what I later on call the Homestead.

I do not find on what date he married Emily Ward, but I suspect that it was about 1820.

She was born in 1796 and died January 7, 1881. She was a daughter of Asel Ward who was born in 1771, died 1858, and of Patty Hamlin, his wife, born 1776 and died 1852. They (Mr. and Mrs. Ward) are both buried in Holland Patent Cemetery, and these other names appear on the tombstone: "Martha Ward (sister of Emily) born 1809, died 1895; Benjamin Ward, born in 1792, died in 1864; Harriet, his wife, born in 1802, died in 1876."

Asel Ward settled in Oneida County in 1803; he purchased his first land from Isaac Hubbard. Asel Ward had the following children, not mentioned above:

Tryphena
Mary
Harriet

Also one son, Chester Asel, who died March 13, 1825, aged 5 years.

Emily Ward Welles drew a pension of $8.00 per month from 1878 until the time of her death. I have the original pension papers.

Now to go on with our history of Samuel. No doubt he moved on the Homestead place (1-1/2 miles west of Trenton Village on the road to Holland Patent) in 1851. He was a prosperous farmer, a Democrat in politics, but took no active part in public affairs of the town. At the time he bought 135 acres from John P. Thomas, he sold the first three parcels of land that he owned to Daniel and Samuel Willard.

The upright part of the Homestead House was standing when he made his purchase. There was a large kitchen attached to the rear of the house.

Samuel Welles and Emily Ward had the following children:

(11) 1. Samuel (do not know birth or death date) moved to Town of Rubicon, County of Dodge, State of Wisconsin quite early. I believe it was on the land where

his father had the grant for 160 acres, which had been granted by the government for his war service in 1814. Later he moved to McFall, Mo. where he died.

(11) 2. Chester Asel. (Family 14).

FAMILY XI

(10) Ashbel Wells, son of Samuel and Anner Griswold Welles, was born February 7, 1791. He married Tryphena Ward on September 19, 1819. He died March 28, 1872. She was born November 22, 1799 and died February 4, 1890. He was a J.P. Assessor and Agriculturist. His will was proved in Hartford in 1890.

To this union were born the following children:

(11) 1. Martha, born September 3, 1820. (Family 38).

(11) 2. Nancy, born September 14, 1822, died April 19,1895 in Waterbury, Conn. Married (1) Richard Moses, (2) Watson White in 1863. No children of her own.

(11) 3. Harriet Amelia, born October 2, 1824. Married (1) George Blinn, (2) Stephen Willard, who carried on seed farming on the old Wells farm. She died May 21, 1907. No children of her own.

(11) 4. Ashbel, born August 14, 1826 and died May 8, 1896. He married Cynthia Olive Wolcott, daughter of Walter and Adeline Brainerd of Holland Patent, N.Y. Cynthia was born November 9, 1833 and died November 25, 1920. They moved to

Braymer, Mo. and are buried there. One son, Charles W., born Nov. 2, 1856 and died January 12, 1912. Unmarried.

(11) 5. William Ward, born October 16, 1828 and died October 10, 1877.

(11) 6. Julia Elizabeth, born April 18, 1831 and died March 4, 1911. Married John Chester Wilcox of Bristol, Conn. No children.

(11) 7. Martin (Family 12).

(11) 8. Mary Ann, born July 22, 1836. (Family 39).

(11) 9. Charles Hamblin, born December 28, 1841 and died December 31, 1856.

FAMILY XII

(11) Martin Wells was the third son of Ashbel and Tryphena Ward Wells. He was born July 5, 1833. He operated a farm South of his fathers, which he purchased at the time of his marriage. He married (1) Harriet L. Chalker, born October 25, 1828 and died December 7, 1893. She was from East Hartford. Children:

(12) 1. Florence M., born June 24, 1868 and married (1) December 18, 1889 William Lux. Three children:

(13) 1. Wells Lux, born Sept. 21, 1890. Died several years ago. Widow lives in Florida.

(13) 2. Richard C. Lux, born July 5, 1896 in Cleveland, Ohio. Wife and one child.

(13) 3. ~~Lewis~~ Louis R. Lux, born November 18, 1898, in Melbourne, Florida. Buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Wethersfield Conn. d. Cleveland c. 1954

Florence M. married (2) ~~William~~ Willard Fuller.

(12) 2. William Martin (Family 13).

Soon after his first wife died (11) Martin Wells married Sarah Russell, daughter of John Russell of Wethersfield. They were the parents of one son:

(12) 3. ~~Ashbel~~ Ashbel Russell Wells who was born November 8,1894. He graduated from the Wethersfield High School and from the Rhode Island College at Kingston, R.I. He married Edith B. Kingman. He served Honorably in World War I. He was well thought of in Wethersfield. Two children:

(13) 1. William Ashbel, born January 5, 1921. He married Arlene Florence ~~Colbert~~ Colbath of ~~Suffield~~ Hartford on November 1,1942. She was born July27, 1926. Two children:

(14) 1. Martin Lewis Wells born July 4,1943.

(14) 2. William Russell Wells born April 4, 1946.

(13) 2. Martin Norman Welles born February 19, 1923. Married Nancy

SARAH FRANCINI
~~Susan Francolini~~ of East Hartford. She was born October 3, 1928. They were married Nov. 25, 1950 and live on the Russell place, nearly opposite where ~~Bellie~~ Bessie Wells lived.(13) William Ashbel Wells lives on Loomis Road at Windsor, Conn.

(12) Ashbel Russell Wells died Jan 21, 1931 and his wife died ~~January 21~~, 1951. Nov 25

FAMILY XIII

(12) William Martin Welles, son of Martin and Harriet Chalker Wells, was born October 10, 1870. He died February 17, 1915. He always lived in Wetherefield; he was a farmer and received a fair education in the rural school. He succeeded to the ownership of the Welles Homestead on Wolcott Hill. He was a Republican. He married Bessie Daniels on March 7, 1894, a daughter of George Wadsworth, son of Daniel and Jennie Elizabeth (Smith) Wadsworth of Middletown, Conn. She was a granddaughter of Jared Daniels of that town. She was born March 5, 1871. Jennie Smith was a daughter of Jonathan Smith. Jared Daniels had the following children:

Jared
Henry
James
Mary
Anna
Sarah

I well remember William and Bessie visiting my family about 1905. Mrs. Wells and I visited Bessie Welles April 1,1953.

Most of the above information was taken from the Encyclopedia of Connecticut Biography, published by the American

Historical Society in 1919. They have the books in the Jarvis Library in Rome, New York. Mrs. Bessie Welles had the sword and gun belonging to Samuel Welles, husband of Anner Griswold Wells. She gave them to the Wethersfield Historical Society.

FAMILY XIV

(11) Chester Asel Wells, son of Samuel and Emily Ward Wells, was born February 8, 1825, in the Town of Trenton, Oneida County, New York. He died January 9,1909. He was born in a small log cabin about one mile from where he lived so many years, on the old Homestead. The building has disappeared, but there are still signs of the cellar and well; also some of the stones of a foundation, which might have been a barn. I have often heard him tell about this log cabin; how hard his father and mother worked; how he had to climb a ladder to go to bed at night. The boys slept on corn husks.

His mother was Emily Ward, as before mentioned. He attended the little stone school house, about a mile-and-one-half this side of Trenton Village, on the road to Holland Patent. In fact, if you take the next turn to the left on the Holland Patent road, then the first turn to the right on a dirt road, you will come to the place where he was born. The log cabin was on a knoll on the left side of the road, just before you reach the railroad. A few years of country school was all the formal education he received.

He married Laura Guiteau in 1851. She died June 21, 1860. Her age as shown on the monument was thirty years, nine months, and twenty-one days. This monument was erected in the Holland Patent Cemetery in 1860.

His family moved to the old Homestead Farm on the Holland Patent road about 1851. I do not believe he obtained clear title to

this property until his father's death in 1868. He later purchased more land. I have a record of 78 acres which he purchased April 4, 1860. This was the land which was originally purchased by Asel Ward June 30, 1803. Asel Ward purchased this land from Isaac Hubbard and his wife, Ruth. To start with, there were about 103 acres in this lot. Isaac Hubbard purchased the land from the original purchaser of the Holland Patent tract. Asel Ward paid $765 for 110 acres. He left the land to his daughters when he died. This farm was about three-fourths of a mile on the dirt road that turns to the right by the stone school house. It was situated just beyond the second group of buildings on the right side of the road. The original buildings have disappeared.

Grandfather Wells, as stated above, bought 103 acres of the Asel Ward estate. The balance was left to Martha Ward, his mother's sister, who died there in 1894. I have a copy of Asel Ward's will. A little later Grandfather bought 53 acres from Frederick Wolcott on the 27th day of April, 1863, for which he paid $3600.00. On April 5,1876, he purchased 41 acres from W.W.Reeve, for which he also paid $3600. This was the farm later occupied by his son, Charles Wells.

He was a thrifty farmer and noted for his fine treatment of everyone he came in contact with. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and each year attended the town and county fairs. He was a life-long Democrat, very set in his political views, but not very active in politics. He was a member of Trenton Grange.

Now, more about his family - he married first Laura Guiteau on September 10, 1851. To this union were born the following children:

(12) 1. Laura Guiteau, born March 24, 1853. (Family XXIX).

(12) 2. Francis C. - died January 9, 1860, aged 3 years, 2 months, 27 days.

(12) 3. Charles E. - born January 24, 1859. (Family XXII).

(12) 4. Julia E. - died February 5, 1860, aged 4 years, 10 months.

He married Harriet McIntosh September 15, 1861. She was born January 27, 1837, and died September 13, 1912. She was a daughter of Hezekiah and Maria Moulton McIntosh. At the time of their marriage she lived with her parents on the Storrs Place. The old stone house is still occupied, and is the second place toward Trenton Village from the Homestead Farm. To this union were born the following children:

(12) 5. Frank Chester, born June 13, 1863. (Family XXX)

(12) 6. Julia Emma, born August 14, 1865. (Family XXXI)

(12) 7. Hatty Maria, born December 17, 1866. (Family XXXV).

Soon after his second marriage the long wing was added to the house, taking the place of the former kitchen. Clark McIntosh, his wife's brother, did the carpenter work. About 1897 he rented the farm and moved to Holland Patent Village. He rented a small house on Steuben Street for a short time, then purchased a large house on the west side of Steuben Street, where he lived until he died. This property has changed hands several times since his death; it is now occupied by F. Stanley Roberts.

In 1902 he purchased a camp at Peters Point on Black River where he and his family spent the next seven summers. He erected a monument in Holland Patent Cemetery in 1860, soon after his first

wife and two children died of diphtheria. His father and mother, and daughter Laura, are also buried on this lot.

His first wife's sister, Harriet Guiteau, married Enoch Candee. Her father was Samuel Guiteau. Her brother, Francis Guiteau, was buried in Holland Patent Cemetery. He lived on the Guiteau farm, one-half mile south from the Curtis Powell farm, which is located on the Holland Patent-South Trenton road. Chester Wells second wife's father, Hezekiah McIntosh, died March 22, 1886, aged 86 years. Her mother, Maria Moulton McIntosh, died August 14, 1863, aged 56 years. The McIntosh family formerly lived in the town of Steuben, near East Floyd.

FAMILY XV

(9) Elisha Wells, son of Joseph and Mary Robbins Welles was born March 12, 1758, and died May 18, 1843. (See family 8). He married Mary Griswold, who died in 1834. They are both buried in Holland Patent Cemetery. He arrived in Holland Patent about 1800 and purchased considerable land along the Holland Patent Floyd road. He settled and built a home that now stands the second place this side of the Rolland Rowlands place where the Davis family has since lived. His wife was born in 1764. To this union the following children were born:

(10) 1. Elisha G. Wells, born March 9, 1788 and died in Holland Patent May 9, 1859. He married Laura Crocker, who died July 31, 1857, aged 65 years and 8 months. Issue a son John Crocker Wells and a daughter Maria born August 8, 1828 and died October 21, 1903. (See Family ~~83~~).83

(10) 2. Salome (Family 15A).

(10) 3. Mary (Family 15B).

(10) 4. Nathan, born 1793 and died in 1795.

(10) 5. Chester Robbins, born in 1799, and died in 1867. Fam. 86

(10) 6. Harriet, born in 1801 and died in 1809.

(10) 7. Ira (Family 16).

(10) 8. Nancy, born December 18, 1806 and died October 5, 1898. She married Rensalee Crumby, born April 9, 1802 and died June 3, 1860. Issue Rensalear born November 2, 1828 and Nancy born December 2, 1829. Both died in infancy, also a daughter Nancy who married a Shear. The Shear's had at least two children. One - Cora who married a man by the name of Butts and moved to Rome, N.Y., and a son who was Superintendent of schools at Poughkeepsie, New York.

Elisha Wells will was made on the 28 of March, 1827. About a third of the estate was left to his wife, $1.00 to each child except Ira who received the balance. Elisha was the great-grandfather of Dr. Ira G. Wells.

Elisha purchased 125 acres of land from William Johnson on the 20th of December, 1800. It was located on lots 126 and 136 of the Holland Patent. On the deed he is listed as being from Hartford, Conn. He was a farmer and later on purchased considerable more land, a good portion of which was sold to his relatives.

FAMILY XV-A

(10) Salome Wells, daughter of Elisha and Mary Griswold Wells was born in 1790

and died in 1852. She married Smith Darling in 1814. He was born in 1787 and died in 1871. Both are buried at Sumerset, Niagara County, N. Y. Children of this union were:

(11) 1. Wells Smith, born in 1815 and died in 1891. Married Sarah W. Christian.

(11) 2. Seth G., born in 1817 and died in 1821.

(11) 3. Salome, born in 1819 and died in 1879. Married in 1837 Hiram Durfee.

(11) 4. Prudence, born in 1821 and died in 1889. Married Gen. Martin Flood.

(11) 5. Martha, born in 1822, died in 1890. Married Rev. David Willard Rice.

(11) 6. Chloe, born in 1824. Married in 1855 to Gardner Godfrey.

(11) 7. Edward, born in 1826, died in 1877. Married in 1853 to Lavinia Hermam.

(11) 8. George, born in 1828. Married in 1853 Ruth Francis Gaskill.

FAMILY XV-B

(10) Mary Wells, daughter of Elisha and Mary Griswold Wells was born in 1796 and died in 1863. She married Samuel Robbins, son of Levi Robbins of Hartford, Conn. He was born in 1784. Children of this marriage:

(11) 1. Chester H. married Chloe Maria Theresa Robbins.

(11) 2. Frederick W., born in 1820. Married Mrs. Mary McCullery of Toure, Nova Scotia.

(11) 3. Eliza Ann, born in 1823, died in 1860. Married William Crow in 1853.

(11) 4. Mary Griswold, born in 1821. Married Dr. Still Meade Shephard.

(11) 5. Francis Methuia, born in 1831.

(11) 6. Sarah Deming, born in 1835. Married Caleb McCully of Toure, Nova Scotia..

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(10) Ira Wells, son of Elisha and Mary Griswold Wells, was born October 14, 1802, and died May 20, 1862. He married Abigail Austin, born August 4, 1807 and died July 21, 1841. One son (11-1), Albert B. Wells. (Family 17), and another son, Austin Wells born May 31, 1831 and died May 31, 1831. Later he married Patty Hemingway, born January 24, 1816, and died September 7, 1894. Ira and Patty were the sires of a son (11-1) Henry H. Wells. He married Mary Candee of Holland Patent. A good many years ago Henry and Mary moved to California. She died a few years ago in Oakland, California. She was a daughter of Enoch and Harriet Guiteau Candee.

Ira Wells was a farmer and lived on the first farm west of his father on the Floyd road. His first purchase of land was from his father.

FAMILY XVII

(11) Albert B. Wells, son of Ira and Abigail Austin Wells was born June 1, 1833. He was born on his father's farm on the Floyd road. He died March 19, 1896. He went to school at the Holland Patent Academy. After graduating he went to Utica, and studied to become a dentist at the office of A. N. Priest. After completing his apprenticeship, he started to practice in Holland Patent. This

was soon after 1850. When he first started to practice he would sometimes spend as long as a month away from home, at Bernard Bay and Cleveland on Oneida Lake. Later he would be at Skinner's Hotel in Trenton on Thursdays and at Dawson's Hotel in Remsen on Fridays of each week. Still later he spent one day at Remsen and two days at Boonville each week, and three days at his office in Holland Patent. His first office was located in a building which stood about where the Bank Building now is located.

He purchased a lot and two houses on Steuben Street about 1860; the lower one he had moved across the street - Alton Wood lives there now. He moved the other house a short distance to its present location, and built an office where the first house stood. It still stands there today, and is used as a dental office by his son. This office was built about 1872. He was actively engaged in the practice of dentistry for 46 years.

On September 16, 1864, he married Dorcas Eunice Townsend, born December 17, 1843, granddaughter of Eunice Douglas. Dorcas' father was Gardner Townsend. He was born in 1785, and died May 2, 1869. He married (1) Achsah Bradish on December 26, 1811. She died July 24, 1831. (2) He married Eunice Douglas November 23, 1831. She was born in 1800, and died June 19, 1845: (3) He married Mary D. Carey on November 20, 1845; she died June 4, 1855: (4) He married Harriet Parkinton December 27, 1855. She was 48 years old.

Dorcas Townsend Wells died February 6, 1895, aged 52 years, 1 month, 19 days.

To this union were born the following children:

(12) 1. D. Alberta Wells, died October 30, 1887, aged 22 years, 4 months, 19 days.

(12) 2. Gardner Townsend Wells, born April 18, 1871, died 1895. He married Mary Barton, daughter of Seth Barton. He fell from the bridge over Willard Creek and died from the accident.

(12) 3. Ira G. Wells (Family XVIII).

The following names are also listed on their monument in Holland Patent Cemetery:

Daniel Wells, died September 18, 1826, aged 53 years

Honor Wells, wife of Daniel Wells, died September 8, 1812, aged 38 years. Daniel was the son of Joshua Welles. (See Family ~~80~~ 55).

FAMILY XVIII

(12) Dr. Ira G. Wells, son of Albert B. and Doroas Eunice Townsend Wells, was born July 27, 1873. He attended Holland Patent Academy, graduating in 1890. A little later he attended Pennsylvania Dental College in Philadelphia; he took a two year course, graduating in 1894. He has since practiced in Holland Patent, using the same office built by his father. He went to Remsen for one day and to Boonville for two days each week until January 1, 1897. Since then he has only practiced in Holland Patent. He married Emogene Bliss, daughter of Jason and Marietta Bliss, September 16, 1896. She was born in 1869 and died in 1942. She was very active in the Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the D.A.R. Dr. Wells is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He still continues the practice of Dentistry. He has always taken an active part in the affairs of the village. There are few families in and around Holland Patent who have not been treated at his office. To the above union were born the following children:

(13) 1. Reginald Bliss, born in 1902, died in 1905.

(13) 2. Douglas, born in 1904, died in infancy.

(13) 3. Lyndon, adopted son, born in 1904. He married Kathryn Godard of Faribault, Minnesota in 1931. They have one son, Douglas, born February 29,1940. Lyndon resides in Rome, N.Y. and operates a store on West Dominick Street.

FAMILY XIX

(9) Christopher Wells, son of Joseph and Mary Robbins Welles was born in 1760, and died March 31, 1824, (See family 8). On November 28, 1798 he married Sarah (widow of Justus Montague). She died July 11, 1822, aged 55 years. Both are buried in the Holland Patent Cemetery. Christopher was a farmer and lived on what is now the Roland Rowland's place. It was the first farm west of his nephew, Ira Wells. To this union were born the following children:

(10) 1. Christopher (Family 20).

(10) 2. Mary, born October 25, 1801. (See Family 23).

(10) 3. Justus, born December 10,1804. (Family 19A).

(10) 4. Juliett, born February 6, 1818 and died April 28, 1895. She married Edward Wolcott, son of John and Catherine Sheffer Wolcott. He was a brother of Robert Wells' second wife. (See Family 23). They were the parents of two children - Hatty C., born June 1, 1844 and died April 10, 1890, and Helen, born November 25, 1849 and died October 29, 1850.

Edward Wolcott was born in Catskill March 25, 1812 and died in Holland Patent November 22, 1888. He and his wife are buried in the Holland Patent Cemetery.

Christopher, Sr., first purchased 48 acres from his brother Elisha for $213.00. The land was part of lot 136 of the Holland Patent. He purchased this land June 4, 1802.

FAMILY XIX-A

(10) Justus Wells, son of Christopher and Mary Griswold Wells, was born December 10, 1804. He married, first, Lucy Montague. She died June 18, 1850 aged 49 years. One son, Noble M., and one son, Hubbard, buried in the Holland Patent Cemetery, dates on the monuments are not clear.

Justus later married Sarah A. Flint of Fayetteville, N. Y. He died there in 1872. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and I find his name frequently on the records. He and his wife Sarah transferred their membership to the Fayetteville Church about the middle fifties. His first wife was a daughter of Ezekiel Montague of Wethersfield, Conn. He and his second wife were the parents of four children:

(11) 1. Justus P., born October 19, 1852. FAM. 87
(11) 2. Carrie, born February 11, 1853.
(11) 3. Florence A., born June 1, 1858.
(11) 4. Frederick, born March 18, 1861.

Justus Philip moved to Hilton Head in 1875. He was unmarried.

FAMILY XX

(10) Christopher Wells, son of Christopher and Sarah Montague Wells was born in 1799, and died October 4, 1836. He was a farmer and lived across the road from his father. He married Lydia, born June 29, 1797, died July 15, 1875. Christopher and Rensalear Crumby bought 100 acres of land from John R. Brown September 21, 1825 for $800.00. He and Justus Wells also bought 40 acres from his uncle Elisha for $400.00. The first property was just north of the Laird Cemetery and the second land across the road from Elisha's.

FAMILY XXI

(9) Seth Wells, son of Joseph and Mary Robbins Wells was born August 3, 1749 and died April 23, 1828. He married Judith Robbins April 16, 1772. Married by Rev. Joshua Belden. She died December 6, 1785, aged 34 years and is buried in Wethersfield, Conn. His second wife was Lydia Benton who he married March 13, 1788. She died June 8, 1824, aged 69 years. Seth was a farmer and first purchased a house and lot from Pascal C. J. DeAndelis in Holland Patent Village for $600.00. This was located opposite the park about where the Episcopal Church now stands. He later sold this land to Aaron White on April 16, 1823. He then lived a short time with his son Robert on the Floyd Road; ~~soon moving back to Wethersfield where he~~ died April 23, 1828. On his tombstone is the following interesting inscription:

> "In Memory of Seth Wells who died April 23, 1828, aged 79 years. Abigail H., daughter of Oliver and Abigail (Oliver was Seth's son), died April 23, 1828, aged 10 years. Grandfather and granddaughter both died on the same day and were buried in the same grave."

Seth Wells was the father of the following children:

(By his first wife) -

(10) 1. Judith, born October 12, 1772, died May 9, 1780.
(10) 2. Seth, born October 7, 1773, died November 15, 1781.
(10) 3. Lucy, born July 7, 1777 (Family ~~89~~).57
(10) 4. Rhoda, born September 2, 1781 - (Family ~~87~~).57A
(10) 5. Mehitable, born June 5, 1782.
(10) 6. Ester, twin of Rhoda, born September 2, 1781.

(By his second wife) -

(10) 7. Seth, born August 5, 1788, died in May 1861 (Family ~~90~~).58
(10) 8. Moses, born November 20, 1790, died in 1862 (Family ~~88~~).60
(10) 9. Robert, born in 1792 (Family 23).
(10) 10. Oliver, born April 28, 1794. He was a doctor. FAM.68
(10) 11. Lydia, born June 29, 1797.

FAMILY XXII

(12) Charles Ernest Wells, son of Chester A. and Laura Guiteau Wells, was born January 24, 1859, on the old Wells Homestead. His mother died when he was a year and five months old. He first went to the stone schoolhouse, then to the Holland Patent Academy. In February, 1884, he married Louisa Bilsborow. She was born April 12, 1864, and died July 15, 1905. She is buried in the Wolcott Cemetery. She was a daughter of Robert and Louisa Dain Bilsborow.

After Charles Wells' marriage he lived for about a year in Trenton Village, then moved to the farm that his father had purchased from W. W. Reeves in 1876.

For his second wife he married Mildred French, eldest daughter of Daniel and

Sarah Green French. They were married in 1919. She was born August 30, 1864 and died in 1940. She is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Trenton.

In 1910 he bought his father's farm (the old Homestead) at the time the estate was settled. He was a prosperous farmer. He was not very active, politically, but always voted. Soon after his marriage to Mildred French, they moved to Trenton Village (Now Barneveld). After her death he moved back to the farm, where he still lives with his daughter, Edna, and her husband, William Wolcott.

To his first marriage were born the following children:

(13) 1. Edna (Family XXV).
(13) 2. Ward (Family XXVI).
(13) 3. Charles (Family XXVII).
(13) 4. Dain (Family XXVIII).

FAMILY XXIII

(10) Robert Wells, son of Seth and Lydia Benton Welles was born October 16, 1792. (See Family 21). His first wife was his cousin, Mary Griswold Wells, daughter of Christopher Wells. They were married on February 13, 1820. She was born October 25, 1801, and died May 28, 1825. To this union were born the following children:

(11) 1. Sarah G. Wells, born February 17, 1822, died February 14, 1841.
(11) 2. Frederick R. Wells, born May 13, 1825. Married at Floyd, N. Y. on January 25, 1847 to Susan Ordelia Chase. Children: Sarah Adele Wells born at Floyd on March 9, 1848 and died at Chicago, Ill. on April 5, 1912. She married William Alfred Burch. They were the parents of a son, William F. Burch and a daughter, Fredericka Wells Burch born in 1866 and died in 1867.

Robert's second wife was Arietta Wolcott Rogers, widow of William Gelson Rogers of Cairo, N. Y. They were married June 11, 1826. She died March 14, 1878, aged 77 years, 2 months and 13 days. Robert died March 17, 1862. He purchased 30 acres of land from David Bagg and his wife on the 10th of November, 1819 for $800.00. This land was on lot 138 of the Holland Patent and is the farm now occupied by David Thomas. I found a deposition in the Oneida County Surrogate's Court, listing the following children:

(11) 3. Mary C. (Family 23-A).
(11) 4. Julia E. Weeks, wife of Robert Weeks (Family 23-B).
(11) 5. Arietta Brown, wife of Milton Brown (Family 23-C).
(11) 6. Lydia Amelia Wells, born in 1841, died at the home of her sister Mary in Utica in 1893. Never married, and is buried in Holland Patent.

All but the first child are listed as living in Holland Patent. Milton Brown was the M.M. Brown listed on so many of the early maps as a storekeeper at the corner of Steuben St. in Holland Patent. Mary Ralph was the administrator. Arietta Brown lived the next house north of the George Chassel place on Steuben St. It says that her estate would not exceed $500.00.

Most of the genealogical information listed about the families of the two Josephs and the earlier ones, was taken from two books entitled "The History of Ancient Wethersfield". These books were published in 1904, and were compiled by Henry R. Stiles. There were only 500 copies printed and I found Copy #67 in the Utica Library. It was given to the Utica Library by Mrs. E. J. Wolcott. I have taken very little out of these books about the families of Seth, Elisha, Samuel and Christopher, except some of the birth dates.

In the two books listed above I found that Joseph Welles (must have been the one who married Jerusha Hurlbut) subscribed to a school, and helped hire a teacher in 1768. This school was located on Wolcott Hill, earlier called Windmill Hill, near where the old brick school house stood. The brick school house was demolished about 1900. It also states that

Joseph and Elisha Welles contributed four bushels of wheat toward the relief of Boston in 1775.

The following letter was found and still is in existence:

> "New York, September 11, 1776 - My dear friend, I take this opportunity to write a few lines to you to let you know that I enjoy a good state of health, and have ever since I came from home. I received your letter with pleasure, and was glad to hear you are well. Brother Joseph (Welles) has been sick, and has set out for home some days ago. Brother Solomon Wolcott, Seth Wells, Elisha Wolcott, and Samuel Wells have been sick, but have got better. I have nothing strange to write, only there has been a steady firing, with cannon and bombs, for three days past, which has done but little damage. We expect a battle this day, and have for some days past, but God only knows how soon we will be called to action. I know that God is able to save all that put their (trust) in Him. I must conclude with sending my love to father (Joseph Welles), mother (Mary Robbins), brothers, sisters and acquaintances. I should be glad to have a line from you as soon as possible, who am your well wisher, and loving husband. (signed) Elisha Welles." (The words in parenthesis are mine). His wife was Sarah Balch (daughter of Ebenezer).

From the above you will note that he mentions his brothers, Samuel, Joseph and Seth. Samuel was my grandfather's grandfather.

Today, April 29, 1953, I received a letter from Arthur C. Willard, Town Clerk of Wethersfield, Conn., in which he writes that he is a descendant of Martha Welles, oldest daughter of Ashbel Welles and Tryphena Ward Welles. Martha married John Havens, who is the maternal grandfather of Mr. Willard. He also wrote that he often visited Martha Welles' sister, Harriet Amelia, who then lived where Bessie Welles now lives, and that Amelia had her grandfather's sword hanging over the fireplace. This would be the sword of Samuel Welles, who married Anner Griswold.

FAMILY XXIII-A

(11) Mary Catherine Wells, daughter of Arietta W. R. and Robert Wells was born in Holland Patent, New York on May 29, 1828, and died in Utica, N. Y. on February 4, 1904. She was married at her father's house in Holland Patent on July 22, 1850 by the Rev. E. Buchingham, Minister of the Unitarian Church at Trenton, N. Y. to George Ralph of Utica, N. Y. To this union were born the following children:

(12) 1. William LeGrange Ralph, born at Holland Patent June 19, 1851, and died at Washington, D. C. July 8, 1907. He became a doctor and married in March, 1899 Louise Hammond. No children. Both buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Utica, N. Y.

(12) 2. Henry J. Ralph, born in Holland Patent May 29, 1860. Unmarried. He died in New York City November 20, 1950 and is buried in the Ralph plot in Forest Hill Cemetery.

(12) 3. George Frederic Ralph, born in Holland Patent May 29, 1853 and died in Utica, N. Y. January 29, 1923. He married Cornelia Marion Barnes in Utica April 14, 1875. Cornelis was born in Waterloo, Wisc. October 16, 1854 and died in Utica November 12, 1936. They were the parents of three children:

Cornelia Chevalier Ralph(Family 23D).

George Arthur Ralph, born Dec. 19, 1878 and died in Utica May 7, 1908, not married.

Wilbur Booth Ralph (Family 23D).

FAMILY XXIII-B

(11) Julia Eliza Wells, daughter of Robert and Arietta W. R.Wells was born at Holland Patent November 18, 1833, and died there May 8,1895. She married Robert Stratton Weeks of New York City June 30, 1867. Two children:

(12) 1. Belle Garvey Weeks, born in New York City September 7, 1870, and died in Buffalo, N. Y. in 1938, and is buried in the Holland Patent Cemetery. Robert Stratton Weeks was born in 1832, and died in 1885. Belle married Cyrus K. Porter in Buffalo, 12/26/1905 no children. M. Porter d. 1938

M. 6/1/1901 Carrie Wagner of Rome N.Y. soon died. M. 2/1/1905 Lillian Noffsinger of Buffalo
Issue: 1-1 Belle Roberta Weeks b. 1910
M. 1938 Leo Weber of Buffalo N.Y.

(12) 2. Robert Wells Weeks, born in New York City September 4, 1867. Report of one daughter who applied for a teaching position at Holland Patent High School about 1923.

FAMILY XXIII-C

(11) Arietta Wells, daughter of Robert and Arietta W. R. Wells was born at Holland Patent March 20, 1836 and died in March, 1917. She married Milton M. Brown, son of Harris and Harriet Burdman Brown of Trenton, N. Y. June 27, 1861. Arietta died at Ransomville, N.Y. and is buried at Holland Patent as is her husband who was born in 1838 and died 1907. They were the parents of one daughter:

(12) 1. Julia, born at South Trenton, N.Y. July 12, 1862, and married Jessie Rice Porter of Buffalo, N. Y. b. 1861 d. 1925 October 27, 1891. She died about 1949.
One son, Milton Brown Porter, born in Buffalo November 7, 1893, still living. 1454 Ransomville N.Y.

FAMILY XXIII-D

(13) Cornelia Chevalier Ralph, daughter of George and Cornelia Barnes Ralph, was born in Utica January 27, 1876. She married Myron Fisher Simmons of Camden, N. Y. on September 15, 1898. Two children:

(14) 1. Wilbur Ralph Simmons born in Camden October 13, 1900. He married, first - Althea Wetzel of Elmira, N. Y. Two children:

(15) 1. Marilyn Cornelia Simmons born at Elmira, N. Y. on

February 26, 1930. Married John Edmond Johnson of Elmira on September 19, 1953.

(15) 2. George Frederic Simmons, born at Elmira, N.Y. on June 15, 1931. His second wife was Marjorie Wager Morrell, widow of Dr. Rex Morrell of Elmira, N. Y. They now reside in Elmira.

(14) 2. George Frederic Simmons, born in Ballston Spa, N. Y. July 11, 1906, unmarried.

FAMILY XXIII-E

(13) Wilbur Booth Ralph, son of George and Cornelia Barnes Ralph was born in Utica, N.Y. April 16, 1883, and died in Barneveld(Trenton) October 28, 1944. He is buried in Olden Barneveld Cemetery. In 1915 he married Edith VanSutterheim of Philadelphia, Pa. Two children:

(14) 1. George Frederic Ralph, born in February 1916. He married Roseleen Sauer Redmond, widow of Robert Redmond of Utica on August 31, 1946. Two children:

(15) 1. Wilbur Richard Ralph, born July 29, 1947.
(15) 2. Myron Edward Ralph, born July 24, 1953.

(14) 2. Myron Fisher Ralph, born in Utica on September 2, 1918. He married Ferne Duell of Ilion, N.Y. in December, 1944, no children.

Information for families 23A, B, C, D and E furnished thru the courtesy of Cornelia Chevalier Ralph Simmons of Barneveld on July 14, 1953. Mrs. Simmons has many interesting relics and pictures of the Wells Family.

Mrs. Simmons has a very interesting volume entitled "The Come-Overs of George Frederic Ralph and Cornelia Marion Barnes". A great many things of interest to the Wells family will be found in this book. A copy of this book is on file at the N. Y. S. Historical Association at Ticonderoga, New York.

FAMILY XXIV

(9) Elijah Welles, son of Joseph and Mary Robbins Welles, was born in 1751, and died on Dec. 23, 1796. He married Sarah Balch, daughter of Ebenezer Balch, November 12, 1772. She was born April 1, 1751, and died March 4, 1823. To this union were born the following children:

(10) 1. Sarah, born August 2, 1773, died March 11, 1823. M. Russell House No ch.
(10) 2. Elijah, born February 27, 1775, died September 18, 1830. (Family ~~92~~).70
(10) 3. Mary, born April 25, 1777, died September 18, 1854. FAM. 69
(10) 4. Patty, born June 22, 1779, died November 18, 1855. M Mr. Warren No ch.
(10) 5. Esther, born July 24, 1781, died July 11, 1813. M. JOHN GRISWOLD
(10) 6. Hannah, born October 2, 1783, died October 28, 1852. M. JOHN GRISWOLD after Esther's death
(10) 7. George, born August 26, 1786, died November 21, 1861. (Family ~~92~~).78
(10) 8. Henry, born May 13, 1789, died January 13, 1858. FAM. 79

10 // HANNAH'S Child
11-1 Jane Griswold m
Mr. Willard why was a
Warden of State Prison at
Westfield Conn d. 1871
2 daughters

I do not know very much about Elijah, except that he served in the Revolutionary War, and was an officer, I believe. He wrote the letter quoted above. This letter descended through his son, George.

At this point I wish to insert a little information which I found in the Court House at Utica last Saturday! I found a deed made by Robert Wells to Joseph Stevens on September 28, 1836. In this deed he sold all of his original purchase of thirty acres, except the one acre of land which he had sold to the Presbyterian Church of Holland Patent on November 15, 1831. He received $2800.00 for the property without the church lot. This, no doubt, was the place on which the parsonage was built.

FAMILY XXV

(13) Edna Wells, eldest daughter of Charles and Louisa Bilsborow Wells, was born on the W. W. Reeves' farm, the next place toward Trenton Village from the old Wells Homestead, on August 8, 1886. She first went to school in the old stone schoolhouse, then later to the school in Trenton. On March 15, 1911, she married William Wolcott. He was born February 26, 1884, son of Ralph Peabody and Isadore Davis Wolcott. His grandmother was Lucetta Peabody. After Edna and Will were married, they resided two years at Long Lake. They came to the Old Wells Homestead in 1913.

In 1917 they moved to the old stone house which was the Wolcott Homestead. The house is on the road that leads North from the stone schoolhouse. They lived there for five years, returning to the Wells Homestead Farm, where they have since lived. Their children: (Mr. Wolcott died January 17,1954)

(14) 1. Mable Edna Wolcott, born April 5, 1912, married William Johnson. They reside in Trenton. Two children:

(15) 1. Ronney, born February 13, 1934.
(15) 2. Doris, born July 7,1936.

(14) 2. Elsie Wolcott, born July 14, 1917. Married James Hunter. They reside at 15 Lambeth Drive, Bridge Kill, Pa. Two children:

(15) 1. Beth W., born December, 1943.
(15) 2. Robert A., born January 22, 1944.

(14) 3. Wells Wolcott, born July 1, 1919, married Velma Miller on February 22, 1946. Live at Stittville,N.Y. Three children:

(15) 1. James, born July 24,1940.

(15) 2. Douglas, born October 6, 1946.
(15) 3. William, born January 3, 1948.

(14) 4. Ward Wolcott, born December 13, 1925, married Marietta Smith on October 4, 1952. Live at the Wells Homestead Farm.

FAMILY XXVI

(13) Ward Wells, eldest son of Charles and Louise Bilsboro Wells, was born January 24, 1889. He first attended school at the stone school house, then went to Trenton School. On July 21, 1909 he married Marjorie Moulton, daughter of Dolphus and Jennie Rowlands Moulton of Holland Patent. She was born on May 19, 1888. They started farming on the Loomis farm on the road from Trenton to East Floyd. They then came to the Wells Homestead Farm for about five years. When Edna and her husband returned to the farm, they moved to Trenton.

In Trenton, Ward carried on his trade as a carpenter and painter until he became postmaster on April 1, 1917. He is still serving as postmaster in 1953. One son:

(14) 1. Robert, born January 1, 1917. He married Dorthy Leland. They have one daughter:

(15) 1. Jenifer, born May 30,1947.

FAMILY XXVII

(13) Charles Wells, second son of Charles E. and Louise Bilsborow Wells, was born February 8, 1892. He first attended the stone schoolhouse, later he went to school in Trenton, (now Barneveld). In December, 1916, he married Elsie Lewis, daughter of Frank and Lillian Tiohner Lewis. She was born August 26, 1892, and died February 2, 1938. He first worked for the Bell Telephone Company. Later, during the First World War, he worked

for the Savage Arms Company. After the war, he was for a short time employed at the Alger & Barker Store in Barneveld. He then began the operation of a retail milk business, which he still operates. To this union two children were born:

(14) 1. Lewis, born May 18, 1917.
(14) 2. Eleanor. She died December 3, 1946.

FAMILY XXVIII

(13) Dain Wells, youngest son of Charles E. and Louise Bilsborow Wells, was born April 26, 1895. He went to school at the stone schoolhouse, and later to Holland Patent High School, where he graduated in . He married Florence Stewart, daughter of George and Mabel Stewart from Utica. Florence was born July 19, 1900. Dain was first employed by one of the large auto companies in Lansing, Michigan. He soon left there and came to Utica, to work for the Savage Arms Company. He has been with them for years. He resides at 2119 Highland Avenue, Utica, N. Y. They have one daughter:

(14) 1. Louise, born February 20, 1931.

FAMILY XXIX

(12) Laura E. Wells, oldest daughter of Chester A. and Emily Ward Wells, was born March 24, 1853. She died in December, 1936, and is buried on her father's plot in Holland Patent Cemetery. She married William E. Lewis of Yorkville, N. Y. He operated the Lewis House in Yorkville for many years. She was the second wife of William Lewis. They lived in a lovely home just west of the hotel. I well remember some of my early trips with my grandfather and grandmother to visit them. We all loved Aunt Laura, and always were happy when we could make the trip by carriage to her home, and spend a few days. Uncle Will was sure to have his fast horse and rig in good shape. He would take us for a ride around the neighborhood, always driving at a fast clip. He loved fast horses, and as he grew older his family worried about the speed at which he drove.

It was at their home that my brother, Gilbert, and I saw the first bath tub (tin), and still more of a wonder was the flush toilet. Don't you remember the ones with the large box next to the ceiling, with a long chain hanging. We had never seen a tub or an indoor toilet before -- our baths had been taken in a tin wash tub, beside the wood stove in the kitchen. Then, too, Aunt Laura had many nice things which we could not afford at home. She never failed to have a small present and some candy when we visited her. No wonder we looked forward to every trip to her home.

I wish I could tell you more of a definite nature about her. Her husband died a good many years ago. She then spent her winters in Florida. In the summer she was sure to stop to see us for a week or more before she went to the old farm to spend the summer with her brother, Charles. Every year we worried about her making the trip to Florida alone. We did not need to, as she was well able to take care of herself. I can remember her trotting up and down stairs a year before she made her last trip to Florida, where she died. She said it kept her young, and it surely did, for she never seemed to grow old.

FAMILY XXX

(12) Frank Chester Wells, son of Chester A. and Harriet McIntosh Wells, was born June 13,1863 on the old Homestead Farm in the Town of Trenton. In the early part of his life he attended school at the stone schoolhouse, and later he attended Holland Patent Academy. After leaving school at Holland Patent, he went to New York City and studied to be a Veterinary. He returned to the farm but never practiced except to do a few jobs for the neighbors.

About 1894 he decided to try selling farm machinery. He was first employed by the Standard Harrow Co. of Utica, N. Y., traveling throughout the state with horse and buggy. He had now found his life work, and was very successful in selling. As the years passed, his territory was gradually expanded

until he covered most of the eastern half of the United States. The Standard Harrow Co. sent him to Europe to introduce and demonstrate their products. He visited Russia, Germany, Norway, Sweden and England.

A short time after he returned from abroad, the Standard Harrow Company sold out to Charles H. Childs & Company of Utica, N. Y. He then went with Childs and sold for them for a number of years.

He married Iva Wolcott in 1917. She was a teacher in Holland Patent High School. She was born in 1877 and died in 1923.

They lived in Holland Patent at the Wolcott Residence. Her father was Dr. Norton Wolcott and her mother was Harriet McIntosh. The Wolcott family came from Wethersfield, Conn.

On June 17, 1926 he married Mary Hulbert. She was a teacher in the Utica schools at that time. Her ancestors came from Connecticut. Her father was John Otis Hulbert, and lived near Stittville, N. Y. He was born October 2, 1829 and died February 11, 1908. Her mother was Sara Briggs. She was born May 31, 1841 and died December 21, 1919. Mary Hulbert's great grandfather was one of the four first settlers in the Town of Trenton. They came to the Town of Trenton in 1797. The four men were Bezaleel Fisk, Isaac Hubbard, Hezekiah Hulbert and Pascal C. J. DeAngelis. They purchased land from Seth Johnson.

Mary Hulbert Wells was born June 8, 1882 on her father's farm near Stittville.

After Frank Wells' second marriage he gradually retired from selling. He made a few trips for the D. B. Smith Company of Utica. Winters, he and Mrs. Wells spent their time in Florida, and considerable time each summer at the Wells Camp at Peters Point on Black River.

After the death of his father and mother, he acquired their home on Steuben Street in Holland Patent Village. He later purchased the Wolcott property.

After his second marriage, having disposed of the other properties, he purchased a home at 13 Russell Avenue in Yorkville, N. Y., where he resided at the time of his death on March 28, 1946.

During his visits to Florida, he would spend a part of each day at Seminole Park, near Orlando, watching the drivers train their horses. He was a good friend of Ben White, a prominent trainer of trotting horses, and also very friendly with Tommy Berry, an equally prominent trainer of pacers. He could tell you the sire and dam of nearly every horse when he attended the races.

He was equally interested in fox hunting. In his later years he spent much time planting trees, and studying birds. He treated my brother and me as though we were his own sons. He was a member of the Westminster Church in Utica, but during the last few years of his life he attended the Presbyterian Church in Yorkville. He is buried in Holland Patent Cemetery.

FAMILY XXXI

(12)Julia E. Wells, daughter of Chester A. and Harriet McIntosh Wells, was born August 14, 1865, on the old homestead farm. She early went to school in the stone schoolhouse, and later to the Holland Patent Academy. On November 4, 1885 she married Arthur Grant Blue from the Town of Deerfield. He was born May 15, 1864. He was the son of Malcolm A. and Sally M. Heatherington. Malcolm was born January 27, 1823, died January 14, 1899, and his wife was born February 13, 1823, and died November 24, 1887.

Arthur Grant Blue was the grandson of Alexander and Christina McVean Blue. Alexander was born August 26, 1788 in Argyleshire, Scotland, and died in North Gage, N. Y. on April 26, 1772. His wife was born in 1797 and died February 18, 1822; buried in Gravesville, N. Y.

Arthur Grant Blue was a very prominent farmer, and also took a very active part in politics. He was a state assemblyman from his district

for two terms, serving from 1907 through 1908. He was twice a delegate to the National Republican Convention.

He operated the Blue Homestead farm for a number of years. He also was a good auctioneer. He and his wife moved to Poland in Herkimer County, N. Y. in 1917. Since that time they were both very active in the local village affairs. He steadfastly kept his voting residence in the Town of Deerfield, went to all the Republican town meetings, and was town chairman for over fifty years. Aunt Julia died June 4, 1940.

He was very active right up to the time of his death. Nearly every day he would take a ride out to one of his farms, of which he had many, or would attend a Poland Bank meeting, of which he was a large stockholder and director for 43 years. He died December 17, 1952.

I well remember the wonderful times that my brother and I spent at their hospitable home. We would sometimes spend a week or two during the summer at their place, riding the horse that Uncle Grant had purchased for the children, or learning to ride the bicycle. They lived close to the West Canada Creek, across which was the old Trout Brook Inn. At that time no one was living there, so we children decided to drain one of the trout ponds. We dug and dug, but I do not think we caught any fish. We were always sorry when it was time for us to go back home.

Uncle Grant was a member of Odd Fellows Trenton Lodge. Aunt Julia and Uncle Grant were both members of the North Gage Church, and are both buried in the cemetery at the rear of the church.

To this union were born the following children:

(13) 1. Malcom Chester (Family XXXII)
(13) 2. Ernest Wells (Family XXXIII)
(13) 3. Frank Arthur (Family XXXIV)
(13) 4. Arabel Maria, born August 14,1898.

Arabel Blue never married. She attended school at North Gage, and later Poland High School. She was a devoted church attendant. She took wonderful care of her parents as they grew older. After her mother's death she took complete charge of the household affairs at home. She died October 7, 1945, and is buried in the family plot at North Gage Cemetery.

FAMILY XXXII

(13) Malcom Chester Blue, son of Arthur Grant and Julia Wells Blue, was born on the old Blue Homestead Farm December 24, 1887. He first attended school at North Gage, then at Holland Patent High School, and later went to Cornell University. Early in his life he took up farming, staying on the old farm when his father and mother moved to Poland. On Dec. 22, 1909 he married Verna Read, daughter of John B. and Frances Terry Willoughby Read; and grand-daughter of Erastus Read and Carolyn Russell Read. John Blue Read died September 4, 1933, and Frances Read died May 17, 1887. Her grandfather was born on December 17, 1808 and died February 22,1892. Her grandmother was born January 25, 1819 and died November 23, 1882. Verna was born January 2, 1887, and now resides at 123 Edward St., Endicott, N. Y.

On June 4, 1919, Malcom went swimming near the bridge that spans the Cincinnati Creek, not far from their home, and was drowned. He is buried in the North Gage Cemetery. Their children:

(14) 1. Ralph Ernest Blue, born October 27, 1910. He married Elizabeth Morgan. She died March 5, 1953. He now lives with his mother. No children.

(14) 2. Marjorie Frances Blue, born Nov.30, 1912. She married Robert Brister on September 7, 1940. They live at Endicott. Children:

(15) 1. Betty Ann Brister, born June 18, 1941.

(15) 2. Donald Robert Brister, born April 2, 1943.
(15) 3. Read Brister, born April 23, 1949.

(14) 3. Donald Malcom Blue, born September 18, 1916. On September 8, 1945 he married Patience Agnes Stevens. Their children:

(15) 1. Malcom, born January 30, 1947.
(15) 2. Ralph, born January 13, 1948.
(15) 3. Donna Patience, born September 24, 1951.

FAMILY XXXIII

Ernest Wells Blue, son of Arthur Grant and Julia Wells Blue was born August 3, 1890 on the Old Blue Homestead Farm. He first attended school at North Gage, and then went to Holland Patent High School, where he graduated in 1909. He then started the study of Forestry at the Biltmore Forest School in North Carolina. During this course he studied in Germany. After the completion of his studies, he went to work for the Forestry Department of New York State. He later became District Forest Ranger and had charge of a large area covering the counties of Oneida, Lewis, Herkimer, Hamilton, Oswego and St. Lawrence.

He retired from his state job in the Fall of 1951, and became President of the Poland Bank, in which he and his family have been interested for many years. Besides the bank, he is busy with his farm and his timber tracts.

On April 16, 1916 he married Lulu Davis, daughter of Leonard W. and Mary Jane King Davis, and granddaughter of William James King and Esther Cratchley of London, England. Leonard Davis was born in New England August 5, 1852 and died in 1925. Mary Davis was born in London July 19, 1861 and died in 1926. Lulu Davis was born November 27, 1888 at Unionville, Conn. She takes an active interest in the W.C.T.U. of which she is a director of the National Branch.

She is also active in her church, and all civic affairs. Lulu and Ernest reside on Main St. in Poland, N. Y. Their children:

(14) 1. Douglas King Blue was born November 16, 1916. He graduated from Poland High School in 1935, went to Union College, graduating in 1939. He then attended West Point Military Academy from which he graduated in 1943. He married Shirley Snow on January 21, 1943. He has recently spent some time in Korea and while there was awarded the rank of Lt. Colonel. Their children:

(15) 1. Peter K., born July 31, 1944.
(15) 2. Donald, born August 6, 1947.
(15) 3. Heather, born November 2, 1949.
(15) 4. Holly, born March 20, 1952.

(14) 2. Malcom Leonard Blue, born July 26, 1920. He graduated from Poland High School in 1938, went to Cornell University and enlisted in the Air Force in 1942. He was employed by the State Forestry Department during his summer vacations. In the Air Force he was a 2nd. Lieutenant. After his training he was sent to England and was shot down over France June 2, 1944, dying as a result of the crash. He is buried in Epinol National Cemetery, France.

(14) 3. Allen Grant Blue was born February 26, 1928. He graduated from Poland High School in 1940 and at once enlisted in the U. S. Army. Later he went to school at Union College where he graduated in 1951. He then taught school at the Governor Dummer Prep School near Boston. He married Elizabeth Regan on June 22, 1952. He has just finished his work for his Masters Degree at Syracuse University. (1953). One son:

(15) 1. Arthur Grant Blue, born August 25, 1953.

FAMILY XXXIV

(13) Frank Arthur Blue, youngest son of Arthur Grant and Julia Wells Blue, born October 19, 1896. He went to school at North Gage and then to Poland High School.

After leaving school he worked for a considerable time for the State Forestry Department. During the First World War he worked for the Savage Arms Company of Utica, N. Y.

On July 7, 1928 he married Ada Bassett, daughter of Julius A. and Josie M. Marcy. Julius was born in 1856, and died in 1919. His wife was born 1850 and died in 1914. (Ada) was a granddaughter of Julius and Isabelle Clole Morse. Her grandfather was born in 1830 and died in 1897. Her grandmother was born in 1832 and died in 1912.

After the war, Frank returned to Poland where he had built a home in 1928. He then gradually took over a large part of the overseeing of his father's farms. This kept him very busy during the last few years, as he would drive his father out to one or the other of the farms every day. Frank often serves as an autioneer at which he is very successful. Frank and Ada have no children. Ada takes a great interest in the Garden Club. She loves flowers and birds. She is active in the Poland Baptist Church, and is a member of Kuyahoora Chapter of Eastern Star.

Since his father's death, Frank has been busy with his brother in settling his father's estate and looking after the farms. Frank and Ada reside on Millington Avenue in Poland,N.Y.

FAMILY XXXV

(12) Hatty Maria Wells, daughter of Chester A. and Harriet McIntosh Wells, was born December 17, 1866 on the Wells homestead farm. She first went to school at the stone schoolhouse, then went to Holland Patent Academy. On September 22, 1887 she married Frank Hughes of Trenton Village, son of John Hughes. Soon after their marriage they moved to Syracuse, N. Y.

Things did not go well between my mother and father and soon after the birth of her second child, the marriage went on the rocks. In 1894 my mother received her divorce decree in Utica. The court granted her the right to take her maiden name, and the custody of her two children. She then returned to her father's home. My brother and I were registered under the name of Wells when we entered school, and have always kept that name.

To the above union, the following children were born:

(13) 1. Chester A. (Family XXXVI)
(13) 2. Gilbert B. (Family XXXVII)

My mother went home to the old homestead after her separation from her husband. She led a very busy life for the next twenty years, helping her mother and father on the farm until they moved to Holland Patent. In Holland Patent her household duties increased greatly. She took over more and more of the care of her father and mother, and the increasing care of her two children.

The summers were spent at the family camp at Peters Point on Black River. After her mother died in 1912, her mother's sister, Sarah McIntosh Brown came to live with us. In the meantime, my Uncle Frank Wells has purchased the home where we were living on Steuben St., so the family then consisted of my brother and me, my uncle, Aunt Sarah Brown and my mother.

Aunt Sarah died in 1915, I believe. We children had now graduated from high school, and were just finishing our later school work. My mother now felt that she had done about as much as could be expected for the rest of the family, so she again married. She married Jay Leonard on December 16, 1916. He was from Newark, New Jersey. He lived only a very few months. He died February 22, 1917. After his death, early in 1917, she moved to Detroit, Michigan. She was rather lonesome there, and soon returned to Holland Patent, storing her furniture for a short time before moving to Lowville, N. Y., where she had several friends.

She rented a house in Lowville for a couple of years. June 4, 1919 she married Frank Peckham of Lowville. A year or two before this his wife had died. Two of his children had grown up and had married. His daughter, Gladys, who was at home when mother took up her residence at the Peckham home soon left and was married. The third son, Fred, was married soon after. The youngest son, Arthur, lived with them for a few years until he graduated and went away to school.

Mother was active in the Presbyterian Church at Holland Patent, and later in the Lowville Baptist Church. She was a member of the Holland Patent Chapter of the D.A.R., and was also a member of the Eastern Star Chapter at Lowville. I think mother spent the happiest days of her life in Lowville. Her husband was wonderful to her, and she had more spare time to spend with her plants and flowers or with her fancy work.

She died July 19, 1942, after a short illness, and is buried on the Peckham plot in the Lowville Cemetery.

FAMILY XXXVI

(13) Chester Asel Wells (born Hughes), oldest son of Frank and Hatty Wells Hughes, was born September 18, 1889, at the Wells Homestead. He first went to school for two terms at the stone schoolhouse, and later when the family moved to Holland Patent, he went to Holland Patent High School, where he graduated in 1908. The next year he worked for the Seminole Milk Company of Holland Patent.

In the fall of 1909 he enrolled at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan, taking up the study of electrical engineering. In 1914 he finished his course at the University and came back to Rome, N. Y., and began work for the Rome Gas and Electric Company.

On February 12, 1915, he married Bernice Susie Roser of Rome. Mrs. Wells has been of great help in preparing this booklet. She was a daughter of Henry G. and Amelia Reams Roser. Her father was born January 26, 1858, and died April 12, 1930. He was the son of Henry G. and Catherine Roser of West Leyden, N. Y. Henry G. was born in 1826 and died March 29, 1915. Catherine was born in 1828 and died June 22, 1913.

Amelia Reams Roser was born November 30, 1862 and died April 23, 1920. She was a daughter of Lewis and Lena Fadner Reams of Ava, New York. Lewis Reams was born July 24, 1827 and died October 24, 1889. Lena Fadner Reams was born November 22, 1830 and died July 5, 1898.

Bernice Susie Roser was born August 22, 1890 in Ava, N. Y. She attended the rural school near her home, then went to Holland Patent High School, where she graduated in 1911. She then taught school at Steuben Valley for one year, before returning to Rome to take care of her mother.

Chester stayed with the Gas and Electric Company for a short time, then began contracting for electrical installations. He and his wife then moved to Holland Patent, making their home with his Uncle Frank for about six months, then spending about two years in and around Remsen wiring homes and stores. Electricity was just becoming available in those communities.

In 1918 an electrical business was for sale in Norwich, so they purchased the electrical business of James C. Hartigan of Norwich, N. Y. They were in the electrical contracting and retail store business there until January 1, 1943, when they disposed of the business and property and moved to Rome.

While in Norwich, they were members of the Congregational Church. He was a member of the Norwich Masonic Lodge. She was a member of the Norwich Chapter of O.E.S. and of Joppa Shrine of Binghamton, N. Y. He was also a member of the Exchange Club, and the Fish and Game Club, having been president of both organizations. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, and a president of the organization. They were both active in the work of the Y.M.C.A.

After coming to Rome, he was employed by the Rome Grader Corp., beginning November 30, 1942, and he is still employed there. She is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Rome, and also a member of Wanakena Chapter O.E.S. They joined the First Methodist Church of Rome and are very active.

In 1946 they purchased a home at 108 East Oak Street, where they now reside. They spend their summers at their camp at Peters Point, and he commutes back and forth to work.

FAMILY XXXVII

(13) Gilbert Bradley Wells (born Hughes), son of Frank and Hatty Wells Hughes, was born October 7, 1891 on the old Wells homestead farm near Trenton, N. Y. He first went to school at the old stone school house near the farm, and later to Holland Patent High School, graduating in 1910.

As a child he was the unlucky member of the family. Everything seemed to happen to him. When he was about five years old, he fell out of a tree and broke his arm. Soon after this, we children were getting down posts from overhead the carriage house to use in some operation or other. A post fell and the pointed end hit him on the head, nearly killing him. He still carries the scar.

After he graduated from Holland Patent High School in 1910 he took a post-graduate course of a year, then entered the University of Michigan in the fall of 1911, taking up an engineering course. He graduated in 1916 with the degree of Batchelor of Chemical Engineering. Due to an error in the dean's office, he did not receive his diploma until June 1917.

In the spring of 1915 he became engaged to Gertrude Haug Davis of Detroit. She was born September 19, 1892. She was the daughter of George Henry and Elda Gertrude Haug Davis. Her father was born March 7, 1852, and died December 6, 1924. Her mother was born May 26, 1855 and died June 6, 1935. They were the parents of three other children; Darrel H. Davis; Gail B. Davis and George Henry Davis (deceased). Gertrude's paternal grandfather was Henry G. Davis. He was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. on November 26, 1816. His wife was Margaret born March 29, 1821 in New Jersey. Her maternal grandfather was Michael Haug born in Bartenfurst, Bavaria. He died in 1897. His wife was Eliza Walker (D.A.R. #74969) born in Canandaigua, N.Y. on March 23, 1836.

At the University, Gilbert joined the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, being a charter member. He won his class letter in his sophomore year playing on the football team. This team won the campus championship that year.

In the summer of 1916 he went to work for the Michigan Central R.R. on a special switching investigation with a rating of special yardmaster to

the superintendent of terminals. In August 1917 he resigned to take special advanced army training at the University of Michigan. Earlier that year, Mother Wells came to Detroit, and she and Gilbert set up housekeeping on Cortland Ave. They lived there till fall, when she returned to Holland Patent. On June 5, 1917 Gilbert had registered for the army draft, receiving an early selective service number.

On July 18, 1917 he and Gertrude were secretly married. On August 15, he trained at the University, continuing the course for about eight weeks. He trained under Col. Joseph Bursley, passed his exams, and was transfered as a private to Watertown, Mass, November 10, 1917. Here he again received extensive training and was assigned to the Ordinance Dept. He became a Sargent.

On January 11, 1918 he was ordered to the port of embarkation with six men of lesser rank. They arrived in New York City with their travel orders and $3.85 between the six of them. The temperature was several degrees below zero. They arrived too late to be received at the army post that night, so with full packs they walked from Forty Second Street to Fifty Fifth staying over night at a Y.M.C.A. The lodging took all but a few cents of their money, so in the morning they walked back to Thirty Third Street and with their last few cents took the ferry to Hoboken. The Army post could not find their orders, and they were held up until after the boat sailed. The boys were then reassigned under Col. McClellan, former Mayor of New York City.

On March 17, 1918 Gilbert was ordered to the Officer's Training School at Camp Meade, Maryland, as part of a 250 man group. On May 15, 1918 he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the National Army Reserve Corps, and was assigned to Boston, Mass. Soon after this, he was transfered to Ottawa, Canada with the Imperial Munitions Board, in connection with the U. S. Army Purchasing Department. A little later, he was transfered to Toronto, and remained there until June 29, 1920. He was then transfered to Montreal and came to Fort Wayne, Michigan, where he was discharged from the Army December 2, 1920.

While in Toronto he was promoted to a First Lieutenant in the regular Army. Upon discharge, he was rated as a Captain in the Reserve.

In February, 1921 he started to work for the Maxwell Motor Car Company of Detroit as a labor group leader at twenty-five cents per hour. In the meantime, he and Gertrude had announced their marriage and they rented a place at 10370 Stoepal Ave. in Detroit. They shortly moved to 573 Harmon Ave. and lived there until they purchased a home at 222 Massachusetts Ave., Highland Park in June, 1923.

At this time he was appointed manager of the By Products Division of the Chrysler Corporation who had purchased the Maxwell Motor Car Co. He has since continued with the Chrysler Corporation in the same capacity, overseeing the By Products in all their plants.

In April, 1948 Gilbert and Gertrude purchased their present home at 29500 Inkster Road (Southfield Township), Franklin, Michigan, just outside the Detroit City limits.

Gertrude graduated from the Detroit High School in 1910. She took a post-graduate course of one year and entered the University of Michigan in the fall of 1911. She graduated in 1915, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After leaving the University, she taught in one of the Detroit High Schools until June 1920. While in College, she belonged to the Delta Gamma Sorority. She spent the summer of 1920 with Gilbert in Toronto, and another summer in Montreal, working in the Ordinance Dept.

She is presumed to be a descendant of Betsy Ross thru the Walker or Stiles family. They and their family are all members of the Metropolitan M.E. Church of Detroit.

To this union were born the following children:

(14) 1. Betty Gail was born September 4, 1921 at 10370 Stoepel Ave., Detroit. She went thru the Highland Park Grade and High School, then Junior College for two years. She then entered Michigan State College, from which she left with but three months to complete her course in order to marry Charles Brown Jarratt, an Ensign in the

U. S. Navy. They were married February 18, 1943. They went to Newport News, Va., then to Fort Pierce, Fla. Here their first child,(15)-1, Nancy, was born October 31, 1944. They were then transfered to Maryland, and Betty returned to Detroit, where, (15)-2, Susan, was born December 16, 1945. In the summer of 1946 they moved to Chicago where they lived until 1952, when they purchased a home at Flossmore, Ill., where they now live. On April 4, 1952 their third child, (15)-3, Charles Bradley, was born. While at College, Betty was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

(14) 2. Chester Frank was born in Highland Park September 25, 1925. He went thru the grade and High School there, then entered Michigan State College at Lansing, Mich. in the fall of 1942. Due to war conditions, he left school in the spring of 1943, and took special training in engineering at the Hortung Aircraft Co. Due to a cyst on his spine and bad eyes (altho O.K. with glasses) he was rejected several times by the Army draft board, and by the Navy when he tried to enlist. He then entered the Lawrence Institute of Technology in Highland Park, from which he graduated in 1949. He entered the employment of the Chrysler Corp. upon the completion of his course. He began work in their engineering department experimental garage.

On June 11, 1949 he married Mona Fenton and they started housekeeping at 13211 Greiner Ave., Detroit. On May 29, 1951, (15)-1, Bruce Chester was born. Shortly after this they purchased a home on Ohio Ave. in Detroit. In January 1953 they sold this place, expecting to be transfered to Chelsea, Michigan, but due to a change in plans, he was kept in Detroit in charge of performance in the road test division, so they purchased another home at 2830 Buchingham, Michigan, where they now reside.
(15)-2 MARILYN MONA Wells b JAN. 25, 1954.
Above information furnished by Gilbert Wells of Detroit.

FAMILY XXXVIII

(11) Martha Wells, daughter of Ashbel and Tryphena Ward Wells, was born September 3, 1820. She married John Havens in 1848. A deed dated March 8, 1870 at Wethersfield selling the 20 acre homestead for $4,000.00, indicates that they were moving. In 1870 Mr. Havens and his wife and their five children followed his brother-in-law Ashbel and wife to Missouri. Mr. Arthur Willard of Wethersfield, Conn. adds, "I had supposed that the town was Catawba, near Breckenridge in Caldwell County. However, my grandfather, having retained a swamp when he left, signed a deed March 2, 1872 to Ebenezer Havens at Fairview Township, which might have been the town in which the post office, Catawba, was located. The R.F.D. came and Braymer is the address of the relatives there. Uncle Arthur (William A.) and Uncle Al left for Kirwin in Western Kansas. They could get good crops some years, but hot winds and drought affected them. They came back towards Catawba to Madison, Kansas. Al bought a farm, now Ermas. Her brother, Albert William, went to Albany, Oregon, and later to Hillsboro, where he is now located. Erma sent me the information about the William A. Havens family."

Children of Martha Wells and John Havens:

(12) Irene Augusta Havens. (See below).
(12) 2. Fannie Havens (Family 38F).
(12) 3. William A. Havens (Family 38G).
(12) 4. J. Albert Havens.
(12) 5. Ashbel W. Havens.
(12) 6. Martha Elizabeth Havens, born August 21, 1862, died August 8, 1865.
(12) 7. Robert Martin Havens, born December 18, 1867, died August 30, 1868.

William Arthur J. Albert and Ashbel W. were triplets and were born November 17, 1855 at Wethersfield, Conn.

Martha Wells was born September 9, 1820 and died January 18, 1887. She was married January 13,1848. John Havens was born October 19, 1819. After Martha died he was married in Wethersfield on March 15, 1888 to Maria Adams, born January 22, 1842. Mr. Havens finally returned to Wethersfield where he died May 9, 1898.

(12) Irene Augusta Havens, born December 10, 1850, died December 31, 1945. She married September 7, 1875 at Catawba, Missouri Stephen Franklin Willard, born February 7, 1851 at Wethersfield. He died June 9, 1924.

Mr. Willard went to work for Comstock Ferre and Company, seed growers, before he was twenty-one years old. He was President of the company for many years. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church, and was Sunday School Superintendent for fifteen years. He was also President for a year of the American Seed Trade Association. He was deeply interested in the Willard Family Association.

Their children:

(13) 1. Arthur Clayton Willard (Family 38A).
(13) 2. Thomas Havens Willard, born Feb. 11, 1878 and died May 23, 1919. Married October 7, 1909 Mabel I. Baker. No children.
(13) 3. Edward Welles Willard (Family 38C).
(13) 4. Stephen Franklin Willard (Family 38D).
(13) 5. John Chester Willard (Family 38E).

FAMILY XXXVIII-A

(13) Arthur Clayton Willard, son of Stephen Franklin and Irene Havens Willard, was born July 29, 1876. On April 2, 1907 he married Ethel L.T. Thompson, born October 12, 1881. He has been Town Clerk of Wethersfield for more than twenty-five years. Daughter:

(14) 1. Emma Amelia Willard, born September 11, 1912. Married Paul H. Rietzel October 23, 1937. Children:

(15) 1. Willard Paul Rietzel, born September 5, 1942.
(15) 2. Martha Louise Rietzel, born March 12, 1945.

Mr. Willard resides at 30 Main Street, Wethersfield, Conn. He has supplied the information regarding his family, and considerable other information about other Wells families. I am deeply indebted to him.

FAMILY XXXVIII-C

(13) Edward Wells Willard, son of Stephen Franklin and Irene Havens Willard, was born April 1, 1883. Married Mary Elizabeth Griswold September 10, 1907. Mrs. Willard was born July 10, 1884. Mr. Willard's life work has been with seeds. His two sons are also in the seed business in Wethersfield. Children:

(14) 1. Franklyn Willard, born and died December 28, 1908.

(14) 2. Edward W., Jr. Willard, born April 18, 1911. Married Ruth E. Hallenback November 10, 1940.

Children:

(15) 1. Susan Elizabeth Willard, born May 6, 1942.

(15) 2. Stephen Franklyn Willard, born April 12, 1943.

(15) 3. Jane Rowlison Willard, born September 27, 1946.

(15) 4. Edward Wells Willard, third, born January 2, 1950.

(14) 3. Elizabeth Willard, born August 26, 1919. Married William F. Jones October 4, 1941. He is with the Veeder-Root Company.

Children:

(15) 1. Thomas Griswold Jones, born December 17, 1943.

(15) 2. Frederic Willard Jones, born March 26, 1946.

(15) 3. Robert Engle Jones, born July 28, 1948.

(15) 4. Peter William Jones, born January 6, 1951.

(14) 4. Katherine Willard, born April 29, 1913. Married Walter G. Woodworth January 23, 1946. Mr. Woodworth is connected with Comstock Ferre & Co.

Children:

(15) 1. James Willard Woodworth, born June 26, 1947.

(15) 2. Charles Grinnell Woodworth, born May 3, 1951.

(14) 5. Richard Griswold Willard, born April 6, 1916. Married Corinne Wadhams August 9, 1947.

Children:
(15) 1. Jeanne W. Willard, born October 3,1948.
(15) 2. Richard G. Willard, born May 12, 1950.
(15) 3. Douglas W. Willard, born January 5, 1952.
(15) 4. Anne G. Willard, born October 26,1953.

FAMILY XXXVIII-D

(13) Stephen F. Willard, son of Stephen Franklin Willard and Irene Havens, was born November 1, 1885.Married Helen D. Buck September 11, 1915. Mrs. Willard was born in 1887 and died March 11, 1947. Mr. Willard is president of the Willard Family Association. He lives at 17 Clinton Rd., Wollaston 70, Mass.

(14) 1. Edward B. Willard, born July 17, 1917. Married Margretta Wood June 24, 1950.
Daughter:
(15) 1. Susan Willard, born July 17, 1952.

(14) 2. H. Irene Willard, born March 20, 1919. Married Thomas E. Thorn May 27, 1950.

Children:
(15) 1. Willard Thorn, born February 28,1951.
(15) 2. Robert T. Thorn, born March 15, 1953.

FAMILY XXXVIII-E

(13) John Chester Willard, son of Stephen Franklin and Irene Havens Willard, was born March 29, 1892 in Wethersfield, Conn. Married August 29, 1917 to Hellen Russell Adams, born January 21, 1895, daughter of Herbert C. Adams and Alice Russell Adams. Mr. Willard has been Tree Warden and Park Board Member. He is Secretary of Comstock Ferre & Co., Seed Dealers.

Children:
(14) 1. Alice Russell Willard, born January 15, 1920. Married June 26, 1943 Edwin Burnham Bond, born February 24, 1917, son of Herbert E. and Laura Burnham Bond.

Children:
(15) 1. Carolyn Burnham Bond, born August 14, 1946.
(15) 2. Nancy Willard Bond, born March 27,1951.

(14) 2. Chester Adams Willard, born April 30, 1923. Married Carolyn H. Mack September 15, 1951. She was born August 22, 1927, daughter of Edgar M. and Ethel Hodgkins Mack.

Son:
(15) 1. John Chester Willard II, born January 24, 1953.

(14) 3. Charles Havens Willard, born May 24, 1927.

FAMILY XXXVIII-F

(12) Fannie M. Havens, daughter of John Havens and Martha Wells, was born January 21, 1854. Married Benjamin F. Peirce at Catawba, Mo., February 22, 1875.

Children:
(13) 1. John Havens Peirce, born August 4, 1876, married Mayme Woodbridge, whose people all came from Wethersfield, N.Y., near Holland Patent.
Children:

(14) 1. Charles Woodbridge Peirce, born June 4, 1905. Married Luella Cashatt, Grader Operator, Braymer.
Children:
(15) 1. Charles Woodbridge Peirce, Jr. Married Bonnie Johnson of Breckenridge, Mo.
Children:
(16) 1. Charles Woodbridge Peirce III.
(16) 2. Kennis.

(15) 3. John Eldon Peirce married Barbara Higgenbotham. Lives at Mills, Wyo.
Children:
(16) 1. Kennis Eugene Peirce.
(16) 2. Terry Eldon Peirce.

(15) 3. Arlene Peirce married Leonard Alan Wiedmier June 4, 1950.
Children:
(16) 1. Stephen Alan Wiedmier
David Wiedmier

(15) 4. Colene Peirce married Roy Stratton.

Children:
(16) 1. Carol Ann Stratton.
(16) 2. Linda Lou Stratton.

(15) 5. Mary Luann Peirce, born 1943.

(14) 2. Franklin Peirce, born September 18, 1914. Married Mary Caldwell Mundy at Glasgow, Scotland, January 22, 1944.
Children:
(15) 1. Kathleen Mary Peirce, born March 25, 1948.
(15) 2. Edith Jean Peirce, born May 18, 1951.

(13) 2. Irene A. Peirce, born March 27, 1878. Married October 3, 1900 James H. Stagner.
Children:
(14) 1. Lytle Stagner. Married and lives at Braymer, Mo.
(14) 2. Peirce Stagner. Single and lives at Catawba, P.O. Braymer.
(14) 3. Olive I. Stagner. Married Donald J. DeHart, lives near Detroit, Mich.

Children:
(15) 1. Lillian DeHart, born February 22, 1931. Married Richard J. McCann October 1949 at Dearborn, Mich.

Children:
(16) 1. Kathleen Elizabeth McCann, born July 26, 1950.
(16) 2. Mauveen, born February 22, 1951.

(15) 2. Lulu DeHart, born May 23, 1934.

(13) 3. Benjamin F. Peirce, Jr., born November 28, 1880. Married Lillian ------. Both died.

FAMILY XXXVIII-G

(12) William A. Havens, son of John Havens and Martha Wells, was born November 17, 1855. Married Phoebe Brownell on February 9, 1888. She died July 27, 1921. He died April, 1935.
Children:
(13) 1. Albert William Havens, born November 22, 1882. Died in 1951. Married Mae -----, who died August 12, 1952.

Children:
(14) 1. Dorothy Havens, born May 16, 1911 (See below)
(14) 2. Ruth Havens, born December 30, 1912 (See below)
(14) 3. Elizabeth Havens, born December 21, 1917 (See below)
(14) 4. Virginia Havens, born November 15, 1922 (See below)
(14) 5. Margaret Havens, born September 5, 1924 (See below).
(All of these children married).

(13) 2. Charles Brownell Havens, born July 9, 1884, died in 1947 in an auto accident at Medford, Oregon, while changing a tire, by a careless autoist. Married in 1925.
Children:
(14) 1. Erma Mae Havens, born February 22, 1926
(14) 2. Crystal, born April 19, 1934.
Charles Brownell Havens was a National Park Ranger.

(13) 3. John Thomas Havens, born October 16, 1886. When last heard from, was a member of the U. S. Army. Unmarried.

(13) 4. Martha Erma Havens, born April 5, 1889. Lives in Madison, Kansas, Box 72. Married Ray Wasson, born June 26, 1887, and died March 18, 1926.
Children:
(14) 1. Marjorie Lou Wasson, born August 23, 1914. Unmarried.
(14) 2. Carl Wayne Wasson, born December 13, 1922. Married Mary M. Moser, born January 13, 1926.
Children:
(15) 1. Lynn Wasson, born March 14, 1947.
(15) 2. Carl Wasson, born January 19, 1952.

Carl and Mary live in Topeka, Kansas(1953).

(14) 1. Dorothy Mae Havens, married Leo M. Rome, lives in Castro Valley, California.
Children:
David Rome, born July, 1949
Christopher Rome, born May 1, 1952.

(14) 2. Ruth Alberta Havens, married Paul E. Jones, lives in McMinnville, Oregon.

Children:
William Hunt Jones, born July 13, 1934
Thomas Haven Jones, born August, 1937
Susan Elizabeth Jones, born May, 1939.

(14) 3. Elizabeth Gale Havens, married R. W. Richardson, lives at Kirkland, Washington.
Children:
Delight, born February 1, 1938
Carolee, born November 22, 1941
Denise, born January 15, 1951.

(14) 4. Virginia Havens, married Clement M. Miller, lives in Corpus Christi, Texas. No children.

(14) 5. Margaret Irene Havens, married Clifford K. Cason, lives in Fort Worth, Texas.
Children:
Jeffrey, born January 16, 1946
Gregory, born May 4, 1948.

FAMILY XXXIX

(11) Mary Ann Wells, daughter of Ashbel and Tryphena (Ward) Wells, was born July 22, 1836, and died October 27, 1920. She married Albert Deming Griswold of Wethersfield May 12, 1857. He was born July 29, 1834 and died April 26, 1889. At the time of their deaths they were living at Rocky Hill, Conn. They were the parents of nine children:

(12) 1. Mary Elizabeth, born April 9, 1858, died June 22, 1941. She never married.

(12) 2. William F. (Family 39A).

(12) 3. Emma L., born August 6, 1861, died February 27, 1869.

(12) 4. Florine A. (Family 39B).

(12) 5. Harriett A. (Family 39C).

(12) 6. Sarah L. (Family 39D).

(12) 7. Albert A., born July 16, 1872, died March 9, 1876.

(12) 8. Jessie D., born February 1, 1876. Married Clarence Ely Brockway July 16,1919. He was born May 6, 1868 and died June 2, 1930. No children. Mrs. Brockway lives at 12 Elm Street, Rocky Hill, Conn. Mrs. Brockway has been very courteous, and has furnished the information about the descendants of Mary Ann Wells and Albert D. Griswold. Without her good help, I would not have been able to list this family.

(12) 9. Everett C. (Family 39E).

FAMILY XXXIX-A

(12) William Francis Griswold Sr., son of Albert D. and Mary Ann (Wells) Griswold, was born January 5,1860, and died September 1, 1936. He married Margaret Augusta Williams (sister of James Williams) April 10, 1888. She was born February 27, 1868. They were the parents of ten children;

(13) 1. Frank Williams (Family 39F).
(13) 2. Albert Deming (Family 39G).
(13) 3. Hayden Leavenworth (Family 39H).
(13) 4. Helen Augusta, born August 14, 1894. Not married.
(13) 5. Mary Elizabeth, born August 26, 1896. Not married.
(13) 6. Arthur Stewart, born September 22,1898. Married Bessie Moody June 18, 1927. No children.
(13) 7. Leonard Cook (Family 39I).
(13) 8. William Francis, Jr. (Family 39J).
(13) 9. Margaret Adah, born February 13, 1905. Married (1) Russell Armstrong Spooner October 18, 1941. He was born January 10, 1891 and died July 9, 1948. Married (2) Edwin Wainright Cooper October 6, 1951. He was born July 18, 1898. No children.
(13) 10. Catherine Amelia (Family 39K).

FAMILY XXXIX-B

(12) Florine Augusta Griswold, daughter of Albert D. and Mary Ann (Wells) Griswold was born September 29, 1862 and died February 16, 1942. She married Henry Lester Vibberts May 6, 1885. He was born September 12, 1862, and died December 14, 1921.
One daughter;

(13) 1. Florine Cornelia Vibberts, born February 26, 1888. She married Richard Cook Williams April 4, 1910. He was

born March 19, 1885 and died April 27, 1938. One daughter:

(14) 1. Mable Cook Williams, born September 30, 1911. Married Orville Theodore Beachley on November 12, 1935. He was born May 28, 1910. Parents of four children:
(15) 1. Orville Beachley, Jr., born November 8, 1937
(15) 2. Richard William Beachley, born July 7, 1941, died December 8, 1941
(15) 3. Mabel Elizabeth Beachley, born November 3, 1942
(15) 4. Virginia Ann Beachley, born September 8, 1945.

FAMILY XXXIX-C

(12) Harriett Amelia Griswold, daughter of Albert D. and Mary Ann (Wells) Griswold, was born July 3, 1865, and died September 6, 1907. She married James Warner Williams on July 20, 1888. He was born October 19, 1861 and died November 8, 1922. They were the parents of three children:

Children:
(13) 1. James Griswold (Family 39-L)
(13) 2. Harold Archer Williams, born August 12, 1890. Married Helen Maykeistler October 3, 1923. No children.
(13) 3. Horace Wells (Family 39-M).

FAMILY XXXIX-D

(12) Sarah Louise Griswold, daughter of Albert D. and Mary Ann(Wells) Griswold, was born February 2,1869, and died July 10, 1949. She married George William Best May 3, 1892. He was born August 29, 1867 and died November 27, 1934. They were the parents of two children:

(13) 1. Donald Deming Best, born March 6, 1893, died in 1904.
(13) 2. Edith May (Family 39-N).

FAMILY XXXIX-E

(12) Everett Cornelius Griswold, son of Albert D. and Mary Ann (Wells), was born August 18, 1877. He

married Ida May Griswold October 15, 1902. She was born October 24, 1879. They were the parents of two children:

(13) 1. Elizabeth Mabel Griswold, born February 19, 1904, and died March 28, 1924.
(13) 2. Wesley Wells (Family 39-O).

FAMILY XXXIX-F

(13) Frank Williams Griswold, eldest son of William Francis Jr. and Margaret Augusta (Williams) Griswold, was born January 18, 1889. He married (1) Jessie Fidelia Morton June 24, 1913. She was born September 24, 1894. Married (2) Mrs. Anna Tripp Harding May 18, 1943. She was born January 1, 1896 and died November 12, 1950. Married (3) Mrs. Leila May Augusta Nichols Smith, born March 11, 1892, married August 23, 1951. Children, all by first marriage;

(14) 1. Frank Morton Griswold, born January 27, 1917. Married Marie Lillian Smith August 17, 1940. She was born January 2, 1921. Parents of two children:

(15) 1. Patricia Louise Griswold, born January 10, 1943.
(15) 2. Lorraine Marie Griswold, born February 13, 1947.

(14) 2. William Francis Griswold, 2nd. born, November 21, 1918. Married Shirley Jane Hurd May 30, 1940. She was born January 22, 1920. Parents of two children:

(15) 1. David Raymond Griswold, born November 28, 1940.
(15) 2. William Francis Griswold, born October 1, 1944.

(14) 3. Robert Stanley Griswold, born October 18, 1925 and died March 17, 1935.

FAMILY XXXIX-G

(13) Albert Deming Griswold Sr., son of William Francis Jr. and Margaret Augusta (Williams) Griswold, was born September 15, 1890. He married Edla Morton Burr July 28, 1914. She was born November 14, 1891.

Parents of four children:

(14) 1. Wilbur Roe Griswold, born October 12, 1915. Married Hannah Camilla Andersen July 15, 1944. She was born January 24, 1917. One daughter:
(15) 1. Ruth-Marie Edla Griswold, born December 16, 1949.

(14) 2. Albert Deming Griswold Jr., born October 23, 1916. He married Ruth Steele Gourlie October 5, 1946. She was born May 9, 1919. Parents of three children:

(15) 1. Albert Deming Griswold III, born July 27, 1947.
(15) 2. William Gourlie Griswold, born April 28, 1949.
(15) 3. Carol Ann Griswold, born June 12, 1952.

(14) 3. Richard Morton Griswold, born April 1, 1918. He married Barbara May Murray on October 11, 1941. She was born March 16, 1920. Parents of three children:

(15) 1. Richard Morton Griswold, born July 14, 1943.
(15) 2. Robert James Griswold, born July 7, 1946.
(15) 3. Gerald Murray Griswold, born December 15, 1949.

(14) 4. Cora Mildred Griswold, born November 16, 1925. She married Dwight Edward Levick on June 12, 1948. He was born June 10, 1928. Parents of two children:

(15) 1. Marilyn Jean Levick, born August 3, 1951.
(15) 2. Carl Edward Levick, born October 23, 1952.

FAMILY XXXIX-H

(13) Hayden Leavenworth Griswold Sr., son of William Francis Sr. and Margaret Augusta (Williams) Griswold, was born July 4, 1892. He married Maude Elsie Homewood June 22, 1918. She was born April 3, 1893. Parents of three children:

(14) 1. Albert Homewood Griswold, born August 29, 1920. He married Louise Amelia Chambers August 14, 1945. She was born January 13, 1922. No children.

(14) 2. Hayden Leavenworth Griswold, Jr., born February 14, 1922. He married Marjorie Tracy Cushman June 4, 1944. She was born November 12, 1922. Parents of two adopted children:

(15) 1. Diane Tracy Griswold, born June 7, 1950.
(15) 2. Brent Cushman Griswold, born April 17, 1952.

(14) 3. James Botsford Griswold, born November 16, 1923. He married Lois Harriet Clark March 16, 1946. Parents of two children:

(15) 1. Cynthia Louise Griswold, born October 3, 1949
(15) 2. Cathryn Ann Griswold, born November 11, 1952.

FAMILY XXXIX-I

(13) Leonard Cook Griswold, son of William Francis Sr. and Margaret Augusta (Williams) Griswold, was born July 24, 1900. He married Betsey Wolcott Thompson June 8, 1924. She was born March 14, 1902. Parents of seven children:

(14) 1. Howard Wolcott Griswold, born April 21, 1926.
(14) 2. Raymond Williams Griswold, born June 21, 1927.
(14) 3. Margaret Anna Griswold, born February 14, 1929. Married Robert Alfred Sheldon on February 23, 1951. One son:
(15) 1. Thomas Robert Sheldon, born November 26, 1952.
Mr. Robert Sheldon was born August 3,1928.
(14) 4. Ruth Alden Griswold, born June 21, 1930.
(14) 5. Leona Cook Griswold, born November 7,1933.
(14) 6. Helen Elizabeth Griswold, born September 22, 1936.
(14) 7. Mary Louise Griswold, born March 29, 1943.

FAMILY XXXIX-J

(13) William Francis Griswold, Jr., son of William Francis, Sr. and Margaret Augusta (Williams) Griswold, was born November 13, 1902. He married Elizabeth Susan King September 9, 1926. She was born July 21, 1902. One daughter:
(14) 1. Anne Louise Griswold, born October 9,1929.

FAMILY XXXIX-K

(13) Catharine Amelia Griswold, daughter of William Francis Sr. and Margaret Augusta (Williams) Griswold, was born February 24, 1910. She married Joseph Adamiak September 8, 1931. He was born July 28, 1907. Parents of three children:
(14) 1. Marilyn Catherine Adamiak, born February 3, 1932. She married George Gorar DeAngelis August 2, 1952. He was born December 21, 1930. One daughter:
(15) 1. Dale Marilyn DeAngelis, born May 6, 1953.
(14) 2. Elizabeth Anna Adamiak, born August 26, 1938.
(14) 3. Dorothy Griswold Adamiak, born February 20, 1940.

FAMILY XXXIX-L

(13) James Griswold Williams, son of James Warner and Harriett Amelia (Griswold) Williams, was born April 10, 1889. He married (1) Alva E. Stauffer, December 28, 1912. She was born September 29, 1895. Married (2) Ruby Baldwin ~~January~~ 2, 1935. Children all by the first wife. Ruby Baldwin was born February 20, 1889.
(14) 1. Mertiss Alva Williams, born October 4, 1913. Married Darrell Sylvester Hehl September 15, 1940. He was born March 5, 1916. No children.
(14) 2. Clarice Harriett Williams, born February 10, 1918. Married Douglass Scott Gallacher January 17, 1942. He was born May 4, 1916. Parents of two children:
(15) 1. Carolyn B. Gallacher, born April 22, 1948.
(15) 2. Scott Douglass Gallacher, born June 11, 1952.

FAMILY XXXIX-M

(13) Horace Wells Williams, son of James Warner and Harriett Amelia (Griswold) Williams, was born July 20, 1898. He married Helen Margaret Brooks October 7, 1922. She was born September 18, 1894. Parents of two children:

(14) 1. Thomas Wells Williams, born September 8, 1925. He married Hariet Jean Burkett November 25, 1950. She was born April 22, 1931. No children.

(14) 2. Theodore James Williams, born October 15, 1927. He married Janice Irene Miller June 30, 1951. She was born December 11, 1927. One daughter:

(15) 1. Wendy Carol Williams, born March 8, 1953.

FAMILY XXXIX-N

(13) Edith May Best, daughter of George William and Sarah Louise (Griswold) Best, was born May 14, 1900. She married Harry Lewis Custard December 27, 1922. He was born March 19, 1893. Parents of two children:

(14) 1. George Herbert Custard, born November 18, 1923. He married Mary Evelyn Lushbough June 7, 1947. She was born September 1, 1923. No children.

(14) 2. Robert Franklin Custard, born April 22, 1925. Not married (1953).

FAMILY XXXIX-O

(13) Wesley Welles Griswold, son of Everett Cornelius and Ida May (Griswold) Griswold, was born December 10, 1905. He married Alice May Lynch October 10, 1928. She was born April 18, 1909. Parents of two children:

(14) 1. Robert Eugene Griswold, born October 19, 1929. He married Elizabeth Loetcher September 25, 1948. She was born April 29, 1925. Parents of two children:

(15) 1. Kathleen Ann Griswold, born August 23, 1950.

(15) 2. Karen Marie Griswold, born August 10, 1952.

(14) 2. Edward Welles Griswold, born December 23, 1930. He married Dorothy Frances Allen April 7, 1951. She was born October 13, 1929. One daughter:

(15) 1. Lauria Ann Griswold, born August 9, 1952.

15-2 Jeffry Allen Griswold b. Dec. 21, 1953

Since I arranged the data on the descendants of Mary Ann Wells family, I have received so much additional information from Mrs. Clarence Brockway about her near relatives, that rather than rearrange the original data, I have decided to give this information separately, in much the same form in which it has been received.

I would like to have similar information about the other families listed in this booklet. I personally find the information very interesting, and I am sure that in a period of twenty years, it would be almost impossible to secure it. I doubt whether any one, outside of Mrs. Brockway, knows who and where the individuals are located. All the data given is as of November 1953.

Starting with Family 39 - Mary Ann Wells of Wethersfield, Connecticut was a teacher before she married Albert Griswold. He owned a farm at Rocky Hill, Conn., and lived there at the time of his death. She lived in Rocky Hill at the time of her death. Albert D. Griswold, husband of Mary Ann Wells, after his marriage in 1857, went to Ashland, Minn. where he carried on business as a lumber dealer and proprietor of a saw mill. In 1859 he returned to Wethersfield and accepted a position on the farm of Robbins Seed Company. He remained with them for two years. He then took his family to Willimatic, Conn. In 1869 he came to Rocky Hill, Conn. and bought a farm. He was ~~selection~~ of Selectman Rocky Hill, Conn. for a time. He represented the town during the Session of the Legislature in 1883. Also he was school visitor in Rocky Hill for 20 years. He was one of the founders of the Rocky Hill Association. He was always liberal, broad-minded and public-spirited.

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Their daughter, Mary Griswold, was born in Ashland, Minn. After teaching for many years, she was a visitor for the Connecticut Childrens Aid Society, and later a registrar for the Hartford Nurses Registry. She retired in 1933 and died at Rocky Hill.

Family 39 - Jessie Griswold Brockway graduated in 1895 from the Connecticut State Normal School at New Britain, Conn. She taught two years (1895 to 1897) in Naugatuck, Conn., then thirty-nine years in the New Park Ave. School in Hartford (1897 to 1936), retiring in 1936. Mrs. Brockway lives in Rocky Hill.

Family 39-A - William F. Griswold, Sr. was born in Wethersfield, Conn. He operated the Sunny Crest Farm (formerly his fathers) at Rocky Hill until the time of his death. His wife, Margaret Williams, graduated from the Conn. State Normal School of New Britain in 1887. She was a teacher before her marriage. Their son, Frank Griswold, is foreman

at the Norwalk Vault Agency in Rocky Hill. He lives in Cromwell, Conn.

Frank M. Griswold, a graduate from Morse's Business College in Hartford, is Assistant Purchasing Agent at the Conn. State Prison in Wethersfield and lives in Cromwell.

William F. Griswold II is foreman of the Cedar Hill Cemetery at Hartford, and lives in Wethersfield.

(13) 4. Helen Augusta Griswold graduated from the Middletown Connecticut High School in 1913. She has been treasurer of the Rocky Hill Grange for many years. She has been a teacher in the Congregational Church for about forty years. She is also a bookkeeper for Sunny Crest Farm in Rocky Hill, Conn.

(13) 5. Mary Elizabeth Griswold graduated from the Middletown High School in 1915. She is employed by Allen Russell, Allen Insurance Brokers, Hartford, and has been for over 25 years. She resides in Rocky Hill, Conn.

Family 39-G - Albert D. Griswold Sr. is a dairy farmer on the Sunny Crest Farm at Rocky Hill. His oldest son, Wilbur Griswold, received his B.A. degree from Trinity College in 1938, then his M.A. degree from the University of Conn. in 1949. At present he is a supervisor and teacher at the Hartford Branch of the University of Conn. He lives at Hartford, and is studying further for his P.H.D. degree. His wife, Hannah Andersen, received in 1939 her B.A. degree from the Connecticut College in New London, Conn. She then taught English, Social Studies and Spanish in the Senior and Junior High Schools in East Hampton, Conn. until her marriage.

Albert D. Griswold Jr. graduated from Morse's Business College in 1936, Hartford, Conn., taking a business administration course. He is now a driver and salesman for the Sunny Crest Farm.

Richard M. Griswold is a driver and salesman for the Sunny Crest Farm, and lives in Rocky Hill.

Cora M. Griswold Levick graduated from the Teachers College in New Britain in 1947, then taught school. Her husband, Dwight Levick, received his B.A. degree from Trinity College in Hartford in 1950. He sells insurance for the American Mutual Liability Insurance Co. They live at Rocky Hill.

Family 39-H - Hayden L. Griswold, Sr. received his C. E. degree in 1916 from Cornell University at Ithaca, N.Y.

He is a C. E. in Manchester, Conn. where he lives. His son, Albert H. Griswold, received his B.A. degree from the University of Conn. at Storrs, Conn. in 1942, then his M.A. degree from Columbia University in New York City in 1951. He is a teacher at Columbia University. His wife, Louise Chamberlain, received in 1943 a B.A. degree from the University of Conn. and in 1951 a M.A. degree from Columbia University. She is a teacher. They reside at Coscob, N. Y.

Hayden L. Griswold Jr. received his C.E. degree from the University of Conn. in 1947. He works for his father in Manchester, Conn.

James B. Griswold received his B.S. degree from the University of Conn. in 1949. He is a Horticulturist at Rocky Hill and also works for the Pratt and Whitney Air Craft Co. at East Hartford. His wife, Lois Clark, received her B.A. degree from the University of Conn. in 1947.

Family 39-A - Arthur S. Griswold received his M.E. degree from Cornell University in 1922. He at present is Assistant to the President of the Detroit Edison Co. and lives at Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Family 39-I - Leonard C. Griswold is a dairy farmer at the Sunny Crest Farm. His wife Betsey Thompson graduated from the Dean Academy in 1923 at Franklin, Mass. Their sons, Howard W. and Raymond W., live at Rocky Hill and are associated with their father at the Sunny Crest Farm.

Margaret A. Griswold Sheldon graduated from the University of Conn. at Storrs, Conn. in 1951. Her husband Robert Sheldon graduated in 1950 from the University of Conn. He works on his fathers' farm in West Suffield, Conn.

Ruth A. Griswold is a registered nurse, having graduated from the Middlesex Hospital in 1951. She works at the University Hospital in New York City and is studying for advancement. She is an Assistant Supervisor.

Leona C. Griswold works at the Phoenix State Bank and Trust Co. in Hartford, Conn.

Family 39-J - William F. Griswold is a dairy farmer at Sunny Crest Farm. His daughter, Anne Griswold, received her B.A. degree from the University of Conn. in 1950 and is majoring in cancer research at the Hartford, Conn. Hospital. She is studying for her B.S. degree which she expects to receive in 1954.

Family 39-A - Margaret A. Griswold graduated in 1923 from Dean Academy at Franklin, Massachusetts.

Catherine A. Griswold Adamiak and her husband Joseph Adamiak live in Yonkers, N. Y. They both attended for three years the American International College at Springfield, Mass. He is employed by the New York Central Railroad in Yonkers, N. Y.

Family 39-B - Florine A. Griswold Vibberts, born in Willamatic, Conn., graduated from the Connecticut State Normal School in 1882 at New Britain, Conn. She was a teacher until she married. She lived at Maplewood, N. J. at the time of her death. Her husband, Henry L. Vibberts, graduated from the New Britain High School in 1882 as valedictorian of his class. At the time of his death he was living at Manchester, Conn. Their daughter, Florine C. Vibberts Williams, taking a three years course, graduated from Mary Hemenway School of Arts at Framingham, Mass. in 1909. She studied home economics at school. Her husband, Richard Williams, graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. in 1906. He was employed by the General Motors Co. in New York City. They sent him to a responsible position in 1927-1931 in Montevideo, South America. Later he went back to work at the General Motors Co. in New York City.

Mabel C. Williams Beachley received her B.A. degree from Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass. in 1934, majoring in geology and minor in chemistry, earning her Phi Bata Kappa key. Her husband, Orville T. Beachley, graduated from the Gettysburg Preparatory School at Gettysburg, Pa. in 1929, receiving his B.S. degree from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. in 1934, majoring in Business Economics. He is now Assistant Comptroller of the Mathieson Chemical Corp. Mr. Beachley was with this company from 1935 to 1945, returning in 1951. From 1945 to 1951 he owned and operated as editor the South West Publishing Co. at Lake Charles, La. They published three weekly newspapers. Their children are in preparatory schools. Orville, Jr. attends St. Pauls School at Brooklandville, Md. Mabel and Virginia attend Bryn Mawr School for Girls at Baltimore, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Beachley reside at Ruxton, Md.

Families 39-C and L - Harriett Griswold Williams and her husband, James W. Williams, lived at New Britain, Conn. and died there. He was ticket agent for the New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. at New Britain, Conn. for nearly 50 years. Their son, James G. Williams, lives in Newington, Conn. and is Production Manager in the main office of the Stanley Works at New Britain. His wife, Ruby Baldwin, graduated from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N. Y. in 1912,

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studying Home Economics, and taught this subject after graduating. ~~Their~~ children, ~~Hatice~~ Williams and her husband, Darrell Hehl, and Clarice Williams and her husband, Douglass Gallacher, all live in Hamilton, Ohio.

Harold A. Williams and his wife, Helen M. Kaistler, live in Allentown, Pa.

Family 39-M - Horace W. Williams received his M.E. degree from R.P.I. in Troy, N. Y. in 1922, and is employed as Senior Research Engineer by the National Radiator Co. of Johnstown, Pa. His wife, Helen M. Brooks, graduated from the Business College of Troy, N. Y. in 1915. They live in Johnstown, Pa. Their son, Thomas W. Williams, received his E.E. degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich. in 1948, and is employed by the Commonwealth Associates at Jackson, Michigan. His wife, Harriett J. Burkett, studied at the University of Michigan for one year prior to their marriage. They reside at Clark Lake, Michigan.

Theodore J. Williams received his M.E. degree in 1950 from the University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh, Pa. He is employed by the National Radiator Co. of Johnstown, Pa. as a Sales Engineer of the Baltimore branch. His wife, Janice I. Miller, received her B.A. degree from the Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa. in 1948. They reside at Towson, Md.

Family 39-D Sarah Louise Griswold Best graduated from the Connecticut State Normal School at New Britain, Conn. in 1887, teaching until her marriage to George Best in 1892. Their daughter's family (39-M), Edith Best Custard graduated from Bryant and Stratton Commercial School in Boston, Mass. in 1919. Her husband, Harry L. Custard, received his B.A. degree from Syracuse University at Syracuse, N. Y. in 1919, and then received his M.B.A. from the Harvard School of Business Administration at Boston, Mass. in 1922. He is employed as a Financial Analyst, State Department, U. S. Govt., Washington, D. C. They live at Arlington, Va. It is interesting to note that they have written, as co-authors, three books - "Orientation in Education" published in 1934, "Unity of Knowledge" published in 1940, and "Seeing Things Whole" published in 1949.

George H. Custard received his B.C.E. degree from Denver University, Denver, Colorado in 1950. He is employed with the American Society of Chemical Research, connected with the University of Denver at Denver, Colorado.

Robert F. Custard graduated from George Washington University at Washington, D.C. receiving his B.S. degree in Engineering in 1950, then receiving his LL.B. degree from

the George Washington School of Law in November 1951. He is the Manager of the Washington Office of the Yoh Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., an Engineering Firm.

Family 39-E - Everett C. Griswold graduated from Huntsinger Business College in Hartford, Conn., and worked at the Conn. Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Hartford for a while, then became a farmer and poultryman in Melrose, Conn. His wife, Ida May Griswold, graduated from the State Normal School at New Britain in 1899, and was a teacher until her marriage. ~~He is~~ They ARE living in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Family 39-O - Wesley W. Griswold is a farmer and poultryman in Melrose, Conn. on the same farm that his father occupied. His son, R. Eugene Griswold, is a farmer at Broad Brook, Conn., and he lives at Melrose, Conn. His brother, Edward W. Griswold, helps his father on the farm.

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